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Chemical attack accusations may harm Geneva talks

Kuwait defends Iraq against US charges

KUWAIT declared yesterday that charges by foreign media of alleged poison gas attacks by Iraq against the Kurds could prevent the success of the Iran-Iraq peace talks in Geneva.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said in a statement that diversionary issues could "complicate the negotiating process and diminish the chances of an agreement."

The spokesman added that Kuwait was following the UN-sponsored talks closely "and has high hopes that the talks will culminate in a comprehensive peace treaty."

Kuwait, therefore, regrets the media campaigns against Iraq over the alleged use of chemical weapons," he said, noting that the Turkish Foreign Ministry has said it has not found any evidence that chemical weapons had been used against the Kurds.

Turkey has given sanctuary to about 60,000 Kurdish refugees fleeing Iraqi attacks.

Jordan said US charges that Baghdad used chemical weapons against Kurdish rebels were a smokescreen to divert attention from military victories against Iran.

The state news agency Petra said Crown Prince Hassan pledged support to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in a telephone call on Sunday.

Devote

"We are well aware of the nature of this anti-Iraqi campaign...to take world attention from recent Iraqi victories," Petra quoted the prince as saying.

Egypt said the world community should devote its efforts to realising a just and comprehensive peace between Iraq and Iran instead of levelling unfounded accusations about the Iraqi use of chemical weapons.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "These serious accusa-

tions against Iraq lack clear and conclusive evidence."

The spokesman recalled that Turkish journalists who visited the border into Turkey found no proof that they had been subjected to chemical weapons.

"The present situation requires the speedy mobilisation of the efforts of the world community for the principal objective which is the realisation of a just and comprehensive peace between Iraq and Iran and working out final solutions for all the problems that led to the eruption of armed conflict," the spokesman said.

Denied

He said peace efforts should have precedence over "the floating of these divisive issues that have no basis."

Baghdad has repeatedly denied the US charges. At a mass demonstration yesterday, Iraqis condemned US Senate vote to

impose sanctions on Baghdad.

Saddam said Israel inspired the charges to divert attention from the nine-month old Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

He also said the charges were "short-lived lies."

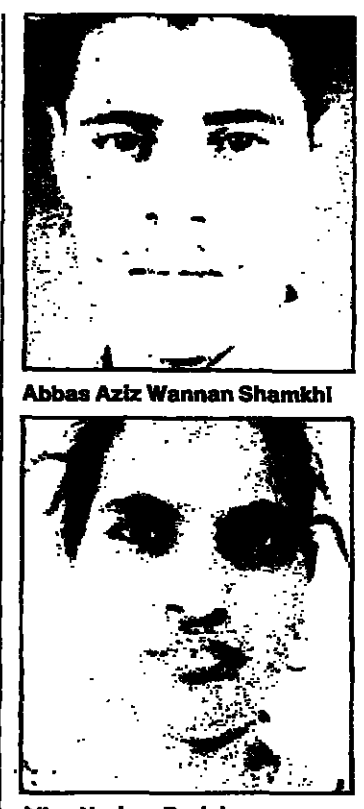
Iraq's official media yesterday maintained their barrage of criticism against the US Senate.

Demonstration

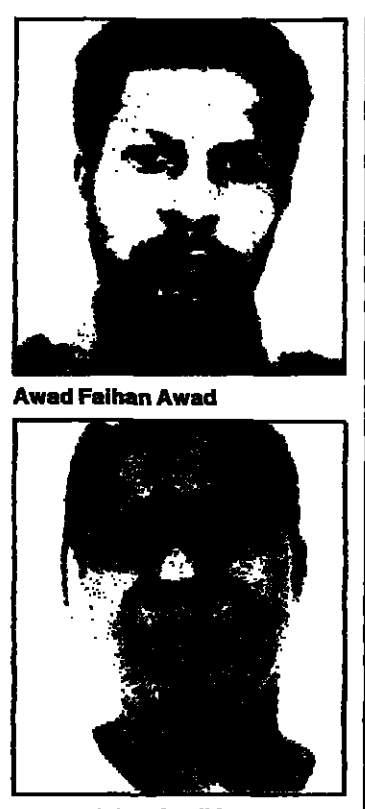
But a US diplomat said a demonstration attended by about 150,000 people outside the US embassy on Sunday was not overly hostile.

It was rather a rally than a demonstration," he said. "People were nice and no one seemed nasty...I was pleased it was not so unfriendly."

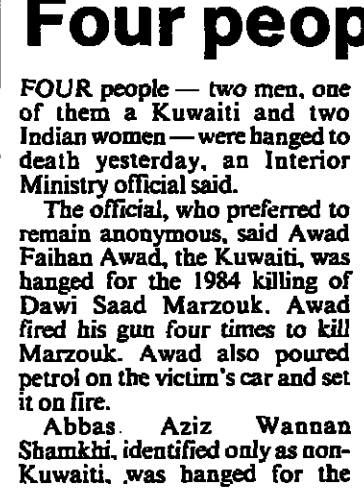
"The government was making a point which we received...It was a civilised expression of a point of view, and it is important that the embassy was not physically harmed," he said.



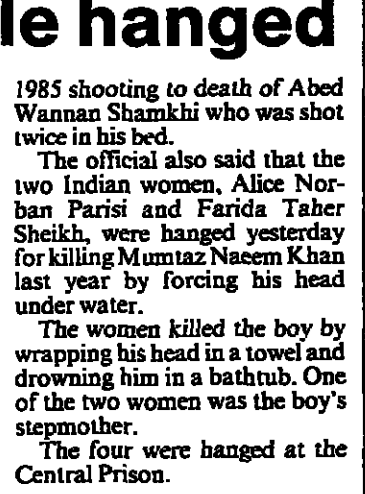
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Awad Faihan Awad



Alice Norban Parisi



Farida Taher Sheikh

Four people hanged

FOUR people — two men, one of them a Kuwaiti and two Indian women — were hanged to death yesterday, an Interior Ministry official said.

The official, who preferred to remain anonymous, said Awad Faihan Awad, the Kuwaiti, was hanged for the 1984 killing of Dawi Saad Marzouk. Awad fired his gun four times to kill Marzouk. Awad also poured petrol on the victim's car and set it on fire.

Abbas Aziz Wannan Shamkhi, identified only as non-Kuwaiti, was hanged for the

1985 shooting to death of Abed Wannan Shamkhi who was shot twice in his bed.

The official also said that the two Indian women, Alice Norban Parisi and Farida Taher Sheikh, were hanged yesterday for killing Muntaz Naeem Khan last year by forcing his head under water.

The women killed the boy by wrapping his head in a towel and drowning him in a bathtub. One of the two women was the boy's stepmother.

The four were hanged at the Central Prison.

Kuwait won't cancel reflagging policy

KUWAIT says it will keep foreign flags flying over more than half its oil export fleet, despite a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

The head of the state-owned Kuwait Oil Tanker Company, Abdul Fatah Al Bader, said in remarks published in a local daily: "At this stage, the company has no intention to cancel the reflagging policy of its tankers which hoist the flags of the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain."

Policy

He said reflagging was an economic policy unrelated to the war and would be scrapped only if it became economically unsound.

"Accordingly, we will not abandon this policy, but we will expand it whenever it is found to be economically feasible," he said.

Kuwait, under threat from Iran for supporting neighbouring Iraq in the war, last year reflagged 11 of its 22 tankers in the United States, three in Bermuda, and hired three Soviet ships. This secured naval escorts from American, British and Soviet warships in the Gulf.

Iran and Iraq attacked more than 500 ships in their eight years of war, killing around 350 merchant seamen.

There was speculation the escort operations would cease

once the United Nations-sponsored peace talks in Geneva between Iran and Iraq led to a formal end of the eight-year-old war.

There have been no shipping attacks since Aug. 20. But Iran has said it maintains the right to intercept ships and search them for Iraqi-bound cargo until a peace treaty is signed.

Al Bader disclosed that Kuwaiti tankers had returned to their normal lanes in the Gulf following the ceasefire.

"Tankers are now sailing in their correct lanes safely but with extreme caution pending the outcome of the Geneva negotiations," he said.

He added that no Kuwaiti tanker has been intercepted since the ceasefire. But he warned that "any interception in future will have direct consequences on the region and the outcome of the peace talks and freedom of navigation."

Insurance

Al Bader said that shipping insurance premiums have declined from 0.7 per cent to 0.25 per cent and even 0.1 per cent since the truce began.

The US frigate Nicholas today escorted the 46,723-ton Kuwaiti gas carrier Gas Princess up the Gulf in the 63rd convoy of the year and the 85th since the escort operations began in July last year.

Iraq turned down guns-for-tank deal

BAHGDAD, Sept. 12, (AP) — President Saddam Hussein said yesterday he turned down an offer to trade advanced Soviet tanks for 100 US-made artillery pieces during the just-concluded war with Iran.

In a speech broadcast on state-run television, the President did not specify who offered the 100 175-mm artillery pieces, but said his intelligence chief conducted negotiations for them in Washington.

The United States banned arms sales to either Iraq or Iran during the war, although administration officials violated that policy by selling arms to Iran in an effort to improve relations and free American hostages held in Lebanon.

Doubt

Hussein said the guns-for-tank deal developed when his intelligence chief reported that the weapons were available on the black market.

The President said he expressed doubt that the Americans would let the guns go to Iraq, but the intelligence head flew to Washington to follow up on the offer.

"After long negotiations, he was told that if Iraq gives us one

Iraq turned down guns-for-tank deal

T-72 tank, you will get the 100 guns...we refused and he came back to Iraq," said Hussein.

The President hinted that the talks took place in 1982 when his country needed arms badly after some countries decided to ban the selling of arms and spare parts to Iraq. He did not name the intelligence official or his negotiating partners.

But the disclosure appeared to be partial retaliation for a US congressional vote on Friday to impose economic sanctions on Iraq because of allegations it used chemical weapons against the Kurds.

"The objective of the campaign is well known to us: It is directed by Zionism to divert the attention of international media from the intensification of the Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories, Hussein said.

Iraq has denied using chemical weapons against the Kurds, although it earlier admitted using them to drive Iranian invaders out of the country during the eight-year Gulf war.

Hussein said leaders of the allegations against Iraq "believe that this fuss could tame us, but we will never surrender."

Under this scenario negotiations would resume later this month in New York when the UN General Assembly convenes.

The Iraqis view New York as the headquarters of the world body, as a more convenient venue with the added benefit of having Perez de Cuellar on hand, diplomats said.

But Iraq, whose relations with the United States have deteriorated recently over US charges that Baghdad used chemical weapons against Kurdish civilians, are adamant that the venue should not be switched from neutral Switzerland.

Diplomat leaves

LONDON, Sept. 12, (AP): A Vietnamese diplomat expelled for brandishing a gun at demonstrators outside his embassy left Britain yesterday after being "withdrawn," the Vietnamese embassy said today.

UN tries to save peace talks from collapse

GENEVA, Sept. 12, (Reuters): The foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq agreed today to a further face-to-face meeting in the stalled Gulf peace talks as UN mediators searched for a formula to save the negotiations from collapse.

A UN spokeswoman said the full delegations led by Iran's Ali Akbar Velayati and Iraq's Tariq Aziz were due to meet again tomorrow at noon (1100 GMT).

The two foreign ministers last met late on Saturday for 3-1/2 hours of apparently inconclusive talks in their third plenary session since negotiations began on Aug. 25.

Swedish envoy Jan Eliasson, chosen 10 days ago by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar as mediator, has also held talks with lower level representatives from both sides but diplomats said little if any progress had been made and the two sides were still wide apart on both form and substance.

Iraq wants the talks held at the UN's European headquarters in Geneva to recess to allow the two foreign ministers to return home for consultations.

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Parliament building hit by mortar fire

Lebanon will try again to elect a President

BEIRUT, Sept. 12, (Agencies): The Parliament building on Beirut's dividing Green Line was hit by mortar fire today and soon after the House was called to elect a new President. Sept. 22, sharpening a political crisis that threatens to rekindle Lebanon's civil war.

Police said no casualties were reported when three 60mm mortar rounds exploded around the two-storey Villa Mansour Parliament headquarters in the no-man's land between rival Christian and Muslim forces.

They said one round hit the entrance to the Villa Mansour and two more exploded near Army and police checkpoints guarding approaches to the building.

Shelling

Police said it was not known who fired the mortars and it was not clear whether the shelling was linked to deadlocked efforts to elect a new President.

The right-wing Christians, sympathetic to Israel, and Muslim and leftist factions backed by Syria quickly blamed each other.

Whatever the reason for the firing, several hours later House Speaker Hussein Hussein called legislators to meet on Sept. 22 to elect a new President.

A previous election effort on Aug. 18 foundered because not enough legislators turned up to form a quorum.

The Christians opposing the only serious candidate, Syrian-backed former President Suleiman Franjeh, boycotted the session.

Incumbent President Amin Gemayel's six-year term expires on Sept. 23. Under the constitution, he cannot seek a second consecutive term.

Failure to elect a new President would leave a political

vacuum that many fear could reignite the civil war, which has been dormant for the last 18 months.

It was unclear whether Hussein's announcement of a new electoral session heralded an agreement between Muslims and Christians on a consensus candidate that could break the political deadlock.

Hussein said the new session will be held in the old parliament building in the battle-scarred Place de l'Etoile in the Muslim sector.

Decision

Legislators have used the Villa Mansour for parliamentary sessions since they were forced out of the Place de l'Etoile in 1976 in the early days of the civil war.

It was not clear whether Hussein took the decision to shift the meeting's venue to West Beirut because of today's shelling, the first time the Villa Mansour has been hit in two years.

Despite the Aug. 18 fiasco, the Syrians have continued to support Franjeh, a Maronite Christian who was President from 1970 to 1976.

Raymond Edde, a Maronite who has been living in self-imposed exile in Paris since 1976, today announced his candidacy shortly after Hussein set the date for the new session.

Parliamentary secretary Ihsan Abu Khalil said Edde announced his candidacy in a telephone call to Hussein from Paris. He did not elaborate.

Edde, 73, fled to France after surviving three assassination attempts. He has been the front-runner among the two dozen presidential aspirants, including Franjeh, in recent public opinion polls.

Pro-Syrian political sources said Damascus and Washington

Kuwait-Iran relations will affect US pullout

MANAMA, Bahrain, Sept. 12, (AP): The pace of a US force reduction in the Gulf may be affected not only by the Iraq-Iran peace process, but by Kuwait's success in getting specific promises from Tehran not to molest its vessels, shipping officials said today.

Inasmuch as an American pullout is one of Iran's top stated priorities, this could turn the US Navy's presence into a bargaining chip, "whether the United States wants it that way or not," said one official.

The officials, who spoke on condition they not be named, are familiar with the operations of Kuwait's state-owned tanker

company, which operates the 11 tankers sailing in the Gulf under the Stars and Stripes.

Iran has repeatedly demanded withdrawal of all foreign naval units in the Gulf, especially the US fleet that more than tripled in size last year, after President Reagan's administration agreed to reflag and escort the Kuwaiti tankers as protection from Iranian attacks.

Pentagon officials have said the US naval force will be scaled back if the Iraq-Iran ceasefire continues to hold, but the process would be guided by continuous evaluation of the "threat" to navigation and US interests.

Abductors to free W. German captive

BEIRUT, Sept. 12, (UPI): The kidnappers of a West German businessman said today they will free their captive within 12 hours after receiving guarantees that the case of a Lebanese hijacker on trial in West Germany "will be settled."

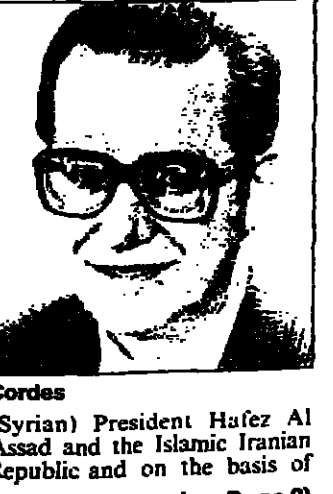
The statement issued by the pro-Iranian clandestine Struggle for Freedom group was delivered to the independent newspaper An Nahar.

The group kidnapped Rudolf Cordes, 53, a business manager of the Frankfurt-based chemical and pharmaceutical company Hoechst, on the Beirut airport highway Jan. 17, 1987.

His abduction and that of another West German released earlier has been tied to the arrest in Frankfurt of Mohammad Ali Hammadi for his part in the hijacking of TWA flight 847 to Beirut in June 1985 and the murder of a passenger, US Navy diver Robert Stethem.

A brother of Hammadi, Abbas Ali Hammadi, was sentenced to 13 years in prison in April by a West German court for arranging the kidnapping of Cordes.

"In respect of sincere calls by



Cordes

(Syrian) President Hafez Al Assad and the Islamic Iranian Republic and on the basis of

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Low water: 1.00 pm, 7.00 pm
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Sunset: 5.56 pm
Maximum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 41°C 106°F
Ahmad: 38°C 100°F
Falka: 37°C 99°F
Maximum temperatures expected:
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Ahmad: 39°C 102°F
Falka: 38°C 100°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 41 per cent
Ahmad: 48 per cent
Falka: 53 per cent
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 43 per cent
Ahmad: 50 per cent
Falka: 55 per cent

Pakistani F-16s hit Afghan jets

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 12, (Reuters): Pakistan said its F-16 fighters clashed with intruding Afghan warplanes today and apparently hit two of them with air-to-air missiles.

The official Pakistan Television said a search for the wreckage of the intruders was going on to confirm they had been shot down.

Five days ago Pakistan said it had shot down an Afghan plane on a mission to bomb Pakistani territory, but the authorities have not announced finding any wreckage.

The Kabul government denied the charge.

Pakistani F-16s hit Afghan jets

On Aug. 4 F-16s shot down a Soviet SU-25 ground attack plane on the Pakistani side of the 2,250-km (1,400-mile) long mountainous frontier with Afghanistan.

Pakistan Television said six Afghan planes crossed into North-West Frontier Province this morning on a bombing mission.

They were engaged at high altitude by US-built fighters of the Pakistani Air Force.

"All the video and electronic sensors on board the F-16s indicate positively that two intruders were hit by missiles," state television said.

Arab Times

Grand Bingo
The KD 25 Four Corners prize has been won by Mrs Jennifer D'Costa. Game No. 66 continues for the Top Line, and three Full House prizes.

'Bangladesh faces years of floods'

DHAKA, Sept. 12, (Agencies): A grim-faced President Hussain Muhammad Ershad admitted today that food supplies might not be reaching parts of his flood-ravaged nation and epidemics could erupt, but vowed that "there will be no famine in Bangladesh."

Ershad's comments came as a huge American transport plane landed with aid for the flood victims and a US envoy arrived to

Food supplies not reaching everywhere, admits Ershad

(UNDRO), Mohamed Essafi, will leave for Bangladesh today to help co-ordinate aid operations in the flood-ravaged state, a UNDRO spokesman said.

Ershad said at a press conference Bangladeshis will have to live with disastrous floods for years to come and millions could die if foreign aid donors grow tired of coming to the rescue every time.

"I do hope there won't be any

donor-fatigue because this calamity is not of our doing."

In an appeal to donor nations, he said: "We will have to bear the brunt of flooding for the next few years. So please don't get tired..."

He said Bangladesh still had food stocks to last for three months and would not suffer a famine in the wake of floods which have killed at least 900 people and made 30 million homeless.

"Our resources are limited... but I can tell you nobody in this country will die of hunger and there will be no famine," he said.

Information Minister Mahabub Rahman denied starvation anywhere, despite reports by the military in the Gopalganj district, 70 miles (112 km) south of Dhaka, that some 82,000 people in the town of Hollarhat and

This particular committee is supposed to be holding meetings which might result in the creation of some flexibility in the Kuwait Stock Exchange in place of the current prevailing complications.

If the present committee is not equal to this task, then a more efficient one should be formed.

Zahed Matar

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INTERNATIONAL

Dukakis pledges to keep NATO strong

BOSTON, Sept 12 (Agencies): Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, vowing NATO must be kept strong, said he would not tamper with the size of US forces committed to the alliance.

Dukakis has been critical of President Reagan's defence spending priorities, a stance some have suggested might affect relations with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation if the Democrats win the Nov 8 election.

The Massachusetts governor plans to discuss defence and national security in the coming week partly to defuse criticism by his Republican rival Vice President George Bush who portrays Dukakis as weak on military matters.

Strong
"My commitment to NATO is very strong," Dukakis told a news conference yesterday, following a meeting on national security with a group of House and Senate Democrats. "You will see a very, very strong alliance," he said.

The governor said he wanted "a very strong relationship, particularly as we move toward what I hope can be the beginning of negotiations for reduction of conventional forces in Europe with deeper cuts on the Soviet side."

"If we're going to be successful in those negotiations while maintaining our strength and the strength of the alliance, then there has to be close co-operation and I intend to make sure that there is," he said.

Some members of Congress have tried to limit the amount of money the United States spends to maintain its forces overseas. Critics object to the \$100 billion annual cost of alliance commitments.

Dukakis attacked the Reagan administration for "wasting billions and billions of dollars on defence but excluded NATO from that indictment."

Jim Steinberg, a Dukakis campaign foreign policy adviser, told Reuters the candidate "is opposed to unilateral withdrawal of US forces" from Europe.

Reductions
"If we're going to negotiate with the Soviets to have conventional force reductions in Europe, it is a very important time not only to maintain troop levels but also to put a greater emphasis on correcting the deficiencies in NATO — working with NATO, greater collaboration on research and weapons production," Steinberg said.

Hammadi killed American on hijacked TWA jet, pilot tells court

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Sept 12 (Reuters): The pilot of a Trans World Airlines (TWA) plane, seized by gunmen three years ago, said today that confessed hijacker Mohammed Ali Hammadi shot dead American passenger Robert Stethem.

John Testrake told the court trying Hammadi on air piracy and murder charges that after taking a close look at the defendant he could identify him as the man who had pulled the trigger.

"This is the man who I could recall had stood in the forward entry way and shot Stethem," Testrake said.

Pleaded
Hammadi, a Lebanese, admitted in court last month that he and another man, identified on the charge sheet as Hassan Izz Al Dine, had hijacked the TWA plane in June 1985.

But he said he had pleaded with his accomplice not to shoot Stethem, a US Navy diver.

Testrake, the first crew member to testify, said he had taken a close look at the defendant as he left the court for a brief recess.

"I did say that one of the two (hijackers) appeared to do more of the communicating and the other more of the violence," he told the court.

"In looking at this man now I was struck that he fitted the

second of the two descriptions. This is the man who I could recall had stood in the forward entry way and shot Stethem."

An American passenger on the flight told the court last week that Hammadi had masterminded the operation and threatened to kill an American passenger if the gunmen's demands were not met.

Terms

Kurt Carlson and Peter Hill, two American passengers and former hostages, told the court last week that the two hijackers were on equal terms, contrary to Hammadi's testimony that he had only followed orders.

Carlson said he and Stethem had been "horribly beaten" by the gunmen.

Testrake, who was forced to give a television interview at Beirut airport from the cockpit with a gun pointed at his head, described both hijackers as "sexually violent."

He said one of them had given the order to kill Stethem and the other had shot him.

"I saw the other hijacker pull Stethem to his feet and pull his body into the doorway beyond my sight. I heard a single pistol shot. The other then screamed at me to tell the control tower that a passenger had been shot," Testrake testified.

Food supplies not reaching everywhere, ...

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another 100,000 in nearby Chitalmari had not eaten in four days and were not receiving supplies.

"That's like saying there is a chicken in every pot," said a foreign aid programme official of Rahman's comment. "It's ridiculous."

"There are people who are not being reached," said one foreign aid official.

Ershad said he had proposed a meeting of experts from China, Bhutan, India, Bangladesh and Nepal to examine the devastating floods which batter the region every year.

Some Bangladeshi experts blame an Indian river barrage on the Ganges for contributing to the floods, but Ershad said the problem would not be solved by reclamation.

Bangladeshi experts said the current floods were mainly caused by rainfall in northeast India's Assam state draining through Bangladesh.

Officials said floodwater had receded further today but again expressed concern about the health risk.

Ershad said 130 people had died of diarrhoea in the past weeks.

75 Palestinians released

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 12 (UPI): Israel released 75 Palestinian prisoners as a goodwill gesture during the Jewish New Year holiday, an Army spokesman said today.

In the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip today, isolated protests were reported. In Nablus, the largest West Bank town, two teenage boys were wounded by Army gunfire in separate clashes with Israeli soldiers, Palestinian and military sources said.

The 75 prisoners, released yesterday from Ketziot detention centre in Negev desert raised to 150 the number of Palestinians freed in the last few days, the spokesman said.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in a New Year's interview with the Jerusalem Post published yesterday, said 5,600 Palestinians remained jailed and that a total of 18,000 had been detained since the anti-Israeli uprising began Dec 9.

About 2,600 of those in detention centres are being held under administrative detention for up to six months without trial.

The Jewish New Year holiday began at sundown yesterday and lasts until tomorrow evening. Government offices and most businesses closed during the religious holiday.

Papandreou

LONDON, Sept 12 (Reuters): Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou has been moved to another London hospital and is due to be operated on by top heart surgeon Professor Magdi Yacoub later this week, the Greek embassy said today.

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Re-legalisation of Solidarity demanded

Walesa throws down challenge

GDANSK, Poland, Sept 12 (Agencies): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and his advisers have thrown down a challenge to Poland's communist authorities, demanding the re-legalisation of the union and a broad array of Western-style freedoms.

A group of 101 writers, journalists, Solidarity leaders, farmers and other professions met in the Baltic seaport yesterday at Walesa's invitation and called for the re-legalisation of Solidarity the No. 1 issue to prevent another wave of strikes in Poland.

The mandate puts Walesa in an even stronger position for talks expected later this week with Interior Minister Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak.

"Trade union pluralism alone will not solve the economic and political crisis," said the statement, issued after the meeting in the Baltic port of Gdansk. "What is needed is the freedom to create self-managing bodies and associations of all types."

Future

Solidarity sources said Walesa would meet Kiszczak on Wednesday or Thursday to prepare talks on Poland's future between the government, independent figures and the union, which was suppressed under martial law in late 1981.

Walesa met Kiszczak for the first time in more than six years on Aug 31. The minister promised to consider restoring Solidarity's legal status, but other officials have said the union cannot re-emerge as an independent mass labour movement.

The authorities resumed contacts with Walesa after strikes last month which developed into Poland's worst labour unrest since 1981. They have said they will break off the planned talks if Solidarity foments new industrial unrest.

"The next wave of strikes may be even more massive and dramatic in character," the Gdansk opposition statement said. "In view of this prospect, all political and social forces in Poland must act quickly. One cannot wait any longer."

"Problems will not be solved by abusive propaganda or by disgusting reprisals. Without the swift recognition of Solidarity's



Walesa (left) speaks with Prof. Andrzej Stejneger who has served as an intermediary between the opposition and the government. (Reuters wirephoto)

right to legal activity, it will not be possible to win the social trust necessary to achieve reforms."

Confidence

The statement urged the authorities to permit independent political, economic, artistic and other professional groups and to let peasants and young people organise themselves. "Poland must be freed from the paralyzing grip of the party," it said.

Opposition activists at the

Gdansk meeting also threw their support behind Walesa personally, expressing faith in his ability to extract concessions from the authorities.

Some radical workers prominent in last month's unrest have voiced fears he may be too willing to compromise with the government. But yesterday's vote of confidence in him reflected an awareness of his negotiating skills and international fame.

IRA claims blast responsibility

Belfast civil service chief escapes bombs

BELFAST, Sept 12 (Reuters): The Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for two bomb blasts which injured the head of Northern Ireland's civil service today and warned other top government officials to resign or "face the consequences."

Sir Kenneth Bloomfield, head of Northern Ireland's Civil Service, his wife and son narrowly escaped death when the two explosions went off in the early morning in front of their home near Belfast while they were asleep.

They suffered only minor injuries and shock and were discharged from hospital an hour after receiving treatment.

The IRA, fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, later issued a statement warning other civil servants involved in "formulating British military strategy or advising the administration in this field to resign their posts or face the consequences."

Damaged

The bombs, each containing 20 lb (eight kg) of semtex explosive wrapped in live ammunition, severely damaged Bloomfield's home, wrecked a car parked outside and smashed windows of nearby houses.

Police later found a third bomb at the scene and defused it. A spokesman said a fourth failed to explode and a search was con-

tinuing for other devices.

A security officer said the bombs were placed like a "necklace of death" around the building.

Bloomfield's home, in a plush area of country down, had security lights, television monitors and bullet-proof windows, but no guards.

The incident followed an upsurge of attacks and counterattacks by the IRA and security forces in recent weeks which have included several killings by Irish guerrillas in Europe.

Shaken

"Sir Kenneth is okay but very shaken. He is making no comment at the moment," a police spokesman said.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who is staying with Queen Elizabeth at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, sent a message of sympathy to Bloomfield.

The office of Northern Ireland Secretary Tom King said he would get a full report on the bombing when he flew to Belfast from London today and he was likely to step up security measures for top government employees.

Bloomfield, 57, is a career civil servant who has headed the province's civil service and been second permanent under-secretary of state at the Northern Ireland office since 1984.

Bomb blast on Delhi bus kills 1, hurts 19

NEW DELHI, Sept 12 (Reuters): A bomb planted in a public bus exploded in the Indian capital today killing one man and injuring 19 people, hospital sources said.

A senior police officer blamed Sikh militants for the bomb which detonated beneath the driver's seat, sending glass and metal ripping through the bus crowded with rush hour commuters.

The Press Trust of India news agency said a second bomb was discovered nearby and defused at the bus depot in the Shahdara industrial and residential area across the Yamuna River from the main part of Delhi.

"No one has claimed responsibility but it is more than likely to be the work of Sikh separatists," said the policeman. "We

are certainly not looking for any other group."

He would not be drawn on whether he believed the explosion marked a fresh offensive in the capital by Sikh guerrillas fighting for a separate homeland in northern Punjab state.

The blast followed two attempted bombings in Delhi yesterday, including one where the device was also concealed beneath a bus driver's seat.

It was discovered and defused by police late yesterday evening, as was another identical device planted at a major south Delhi road junction.

Both bombs were made with homemade explosives and ball-bearings packed into two kg (five pound) oil tins.

12 killed in Pune wall collapse

NEW DELHI, Sept 12 (AP): A wall collapsed in a multi-storey apartment block in Pune late yesterday, killing 12 people in a cluster of huts below, according to a news report.

Police blamed heavy rains that have lashed the city in the western Indian state of Maharashtra. Residents told the Press

Trust of India news agency that the wall fell after being hit by a bolt of lightning.

Pouring monsoon rains hampered rescue operations, and more casualties are feared, police said.

Pune is 1,150 kilometres (719 miles) southwest of New Delhi.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Arctic bachelors

STOCKHOLM, Sept 12 (Reuters): A Swedish village in the Arctic circle is making a second attempt at enticing aspiring European brides to join its lonely bachelors for a marriage-making festival known as "römpvika" — the organisers said today.

"We are expecting several hundred women," organising committee chairman Lars Olaf Snell said.

Pajala, a forest-ringed village in the Arctic circle with about 100 bachelors and only 40 single women, hopes to ease the predicament of its young men at the Sept 26-October 1 traditional post-harvest "römpvika" (rump week) festival.

Indian President

AMSTERDAM, Sept 12 (AP): Indian President Rama Varma Venkataraman today began a state visit to the Netherlands, the first stop on a four-nation European swing.

Venkataraman's official plane touched down at 3pm local time at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport, from where he was flown to a navy installation in the city centre.

There, the President and his wife, Janaki, were welcomed by Dutch Queen Beatrix and her husband, Prince Claus, as well as Amsterdam mayor Ed Van Thijn.

Gorbachev

MOSCOW, Sept 12 (Reuters): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev reappeared in public after a six-week absence today at the start of a meet-the-people visit to eastern Siberia.

The official Tass news agency said Gorbachev flew from Moscow to the Siberian industrial city of Krasnoyarsk, where he was met by the region's top Communist Party officials.

State television officials said Gorbachev's visit would be the top item on the evening news, heralding the start of a new political season after a prolonged period of uncertainty about the Soviet leader's activities during his summer vacation.

Reconciliation

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Sept 12 (Reuters): Pope John Paul today brought a compassionate message of reconciliation to Zimbabwe's war-torn province where peace has recently returned after years of conflict.

Lebanon will try again to elect a President

(Continued from Page 1)

had already reached an understanding in which both would isolate hardliners and strengthen moderates ahead of the elections process.

The sources said Syria had fulfilled its side of the bargain by moving troops into Beirut's southern suburbs, a stronghold for pro-Iranian militants, but the Americans failed to tame militias ruling Christian areas.

This had prompted Damascus to back former President Franjez despite strong opposition by the Christian Lebanese Forces militia.

Under an unwritten national covenant dating back to Lebanon's independence from France in 1943, the President must be a Maronite, the Parliament Speaker a Shiite Muslim and the Prime Minister a Sunni Muslim.

The statement was accompanied by a letter Strugglers for Freedom said was written by Cordes.

The German-language, handwritten letter said: "To the government of the Federal Republic of Germany, I should be freed today. Please inform my family, but please do everything taking Mohammad (Hammadi) into account."

Cordes is among 16 foreigners missing in Lebanon that are believed to be held hostage by Iranian-backed Shiite extremist groups. They include nine Americans, three Britons, including Anglican church troubleshooter Terry Waite, one Indian, one Italian and an Irishman.

Abduct
Kidnappers tried to abduct an American citizen shortly after his wedding in Lebanon yesterday but he fought free and took refuge with Syrian forces, the state-owned National News Agency (NNA) said today.

Witnesses in Damascus said the American, identified by NNA as Gens Paul Wills, 25, was handed over to US embassy officials there by Foreign Ministry officials today.

Earthquake

ATHENS, Sept 12 (AP): A strong earthquake measuring 4.7 on the Richter scale rocked the capital and parts of central Greece today but caused no injuries or damage, police said.

Jordan to buy Tornado jets

AMMAN, Sept 12 (AP): Jordan has reached an agreement with Britain to buy an undisclosed number of the multi-role Tornado fighter jets, Jordan's official news agency, Petra, reported today.

A senior Air Force official said that the agreement was formalised during a meeting between King Hussein and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

He did not say when the meeting took place, but Hussein has been in Britain for several days on a private visit.

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Professor Salama

Professor Salama Abdalla Salama, chairman of the department of Insurance and Statistics of Kuwait University's Faculty of Commerce, passed away in London on June 14 after a heart attack on April 21, while attending a professional conference. Dr. Salama's wife, Nancy, and family wish to thank the Ministry of Higher Education, the Rector of Kuwait University, the Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, all of the faculty friends, other dear friends, and the Kuwait Embassy staff in London for their total support during those sad hours.

Professor Salama was a leading insurance educator, author, and consultant in the Arab world. "Lives of good men all remind us that we can make our lives sublime and in departing leave behind us footprints in the sands of time." (H.W. Longfellow)

Sympathy visits will be received at the residence, Thursday night, 7-11 pm., September 15, 1988.

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An injured Thai construction worker is carried on a stretcher after he was rescued from the rubble.

Bangkok building collapses, 3 die

BANGKOK, Sept 12, (UPI): A building under construction in central Bangkok collapsed "with a thunderous noise," killing at least three workers and trapping 14 others, police said today.

After working through the night, police said they had rescued all 17 people believed in the building at the time of the accident, but workers continued to probe the rubble of heavy concrete slabs.

The last two victims were cut free from under the building this afternoon and taken to a hospital suffering from shock and severe bruising after being buried alive for more than 28 hours.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Maj. Gen. Manat Krut-

chayan said hasty construction and inferior construction materials were responsible for the accident.

Governor Chamlong Srimuang said the city had denied building permit for the structure because no construction engineer was named in the application. He said construction had gone ahead without permission.

The building collapsed yesterday with three floors smashing to the ground, Manat said.

"There was no warning at all, the building simply went down with a thunderous noise," said Chaloo Maneevil, 21, a worker pouring cement at the top of the building when it collapsed.

300 tons of grain sent for starving Sudanese

KHARTOUM, Sept 12, (UPI): Aid workers rushed 300 tons of grain into southern Sudan by special train in an attempt to curb a famine that is killing hundreds of people every week.

The SUNA news agency said yesterday the food train left Babanousa headed south for the Al Meiram area, where a French medical team says 280 people a week are dying of starvation and related diseases in one refugee camp alone.

Donation

The emergency consignment of sorghum, destined for emaciated southern refugees displaced by hunger and civil war, was donated by the United States, the European Economic Community, the Netherlands and the United Nations, SUNA said.

The agency said a second train, being loaded with another 300 tons of UN-donated grain, was scheduled to be sent into the south from Babanousa, 450 miles (750 km) southwest of Khartoum, in a few days.

An estimated 8,000 people

have died of hunger in the last five weeks in the area between Babanousa and Aweil, 150 miles (240 km) to the south in Bahr-al-Ghazal province. Al Meiram is about 100 miles (150 km) south of Babanousa.

Many of the victims apparently were walking north along the railroad in search of food and safety from fighting in the five-year-old southern civil war when they were hit and trapped without food by torrential rains and floods in late July.

The deluge, which also hit Khartoum on Aug 4, broke a three-year-old drought and isolated much of the country.

Malaria

Health authorities in badly hit Khartoum said that malaria reached epidemic proportions with 21 people dying in the past few days in the capital.

About 70 per cent of all patients reporting sick to a health clinic in north Khartoum were malaria cases, a survey showed.

The flooding has made an estimated 1.5 million people homeless, killed more than 90 and injured about 250.

Demand for interim government grows

Burmese opposition rejects polls offer

RANGOON, Sept 12, (Agencies): Opposition leaders today rejected the government's plan to organise general elections and demanded the immediate formation of an interim government to oversee a transition to democracy.

Opposition leaders Aung Gyi, former Defence Minister General Tin Oo and Aung San Suu Kyi issued the demand in a letter to President Maung Maung.

Maung Maung, bowing to the nationwide protests, announced Saturday that the Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP) would relinquish its 26-year monopoly on power and hold multi-party general elections. The Parliament yesterday authorised the government to hold the elections in as soon as six weeks.

The letter from the opposition leaders said: "Since the government has lost the confidence of

the nation, people will have no confidence in the general elections to be held by the government-appointed election supervision commission."

It said that because of "deteriorating economic, social, political and security conditions in the country, there is no other way but to form an interim government to save the country from further hardships."

It said striking workers would return to work and normal economic activity would resume when the interim government is formed, it said.

Parliament set a target date of three months for the holding of the elections, but empowered the government to make them earlier or later if necessary. It also empowered the government to change the constitution to permit a multi-party system.

Demonstrators took to the streets of Rangoon today and

some warned that the protests would become violent tomorrow.

Students passed out leaflets in the name of the All-Burma Students Union calling on people to make today the last day of peaceful protests.

"Beginning tomorrow we will fight for democracy," one of the students said.

The crowd shouted: "We want an interim government" and "Give us what we want or we will fight."

Troop convoys were seen on the outskirts of the city.

Maung Maung said yesterday he had ordered soldiers to help civil administrators restore order.

"The time has now arrived to restore law and order all over the country," he said.

The people marched in military-like columns and a car-

nival atmosphere that prevailed at protests last week was absent, eyewitnesses said.

"They look frustrated and militant," a Western diplomat said.

Peasants from outlying districts were in the line of march for the first time in months of protests, eyewitnesses said.

A thousand students and monks, at the centre of the mass revolt against the BSPP fasted for democracy at the Rangoon General Hospital.

Doctors, nurses and patients were shot there last month during an attempt to suppress the revolt through force of arms.

Diplomats in contact with Mandalay said students there began a hunger strike over the weekend.

The fast in Rangoon was taking place against a background of worsening food shortages in

the capital.

People were seen going from door to door begging for rice.

Maung Maung, in a speech broadcast to the nation, blamed the breakdown of the economy and public order on pro-democracy campaigners.

Burma's official newspapers still carry verbatim the speeches of ruling party leaders and front-page headlines proclaim "President Dr Maung Maung sends felicitations to People's Republic of Bulgaria."

But next to such reports these days the voices of dissent are given room.

After a quarter century under tight government control the Guardian and the Working People's Daily, publications of the Ministry of Information, are reporting both sides of events in one of the world's most secretive states.

Israeli envoy criticises Arafat's visit to EEC Parliament

PARIS, Sept 12, (UPI): The Israeli ambassador to France has criticised the impending visit by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to the European Parliament in Strasbourg and said the French government should not make "any gesture" towards the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman.

Ambassador Ovadia Soffer said Arafat's scheduled visit tomorrow and Wednesday to the Strasbourg assembly at the invitation of its socialist members was a "regrettable error in a democratic parliament."

Conservative politician Francois Leotard also said it was "an error for Arafat to have been invited 'so long as the destruction of Israel is still in the PLO charter.'" He said his arrival would be a shock to the Jewish community.

Encouraging

Alluding to the possibility government officials may meet with Arafat while he is in Strasbourg, Soffer said the PLO chairman "has done nothing positive to justify" such implicit recognition. He contended the visit would encourage "militant extremism" in the Middle East.

There has been widespread speculation that Foreign Minister Roland Dumas might meet with Arafat.

The representative council of Jewish institutions in France also has protested the possibility of such an encounter. A number of organisations have pledged to stage protests in Strasbourg during the two-day visit.

Solidarity

Palestinian sources said Sunday the PLO is moving towards declaring an independent Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied territories and only implicitly recognising Israel. It remained uncertain whether Arafat would specifically address this issue while at the European Parliament.

About 30 French artists, writers and left-wing political figures yesterday issued a statement expressing their "solidarity with the Palestinian people" on the occasion of Arafat's visit, his first to France in an official capacity.

Bazaar bomb injures six in Peshawar

ISLAMABAD, Sept 12, (Agencies): A bomb exploded in a Pakistani border city yesterday, injuring six people, police reported.

The bomb went off in Peshawar's crowded Qissa Khwani Bazaar, said a police officer, who cannot be named under government rules. The area is 160 kilometres (100 miles) northwest of Islamabad.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blast, but Pakistan blames such activities on Khad, the Soviet-trained Afghan secret service.

Islamabad and Kabul have had strained relations since 1979 when 115,000 Soviet troops intervened in Afghanistan. Anti-communist guerrillas have been fighting the Soviet troops and the Afghan Army. Kabul and Moscow accuse Pakistan, the United States and China of aiding the guerrillas.

In Kabul, municipal workers today cleared debris and washed away the blood left by a car bomb that exploded in a bustling central Kabul market, killing 17 people and wounding 43.



Junejo: rally

Junejo launches election campaign

ISLAMABAD, Sept 12, (AP): Former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo kicked off his election campaign yesterday at a rally that drew thousands of cheering supporters at a site near Islamabad.

Chants of "Here comes Junejo" and "We will win" filled the air.

President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who was killed in an unexplained air crash on Aug 17, dismissed Junejo, his 33-man cabinet and 237-member National Assembly last May 29. Zia accused them of incompetence, corruption, failure to prevent breakdown of law and order and sluggishness in introducing Islam.

"Zia had no authority to dismiss the government, except when administration has broken down," Junejo told his supporters at a rally in Rawalpindi, eight miles (13 kilometres) southeast of Islamabad.

The rally marked the start of the election campaign for Junejo's Pakistan Muslim League party.

Junejo's key rival in the parliamentary elections set for

Nov 16 are the Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD), a nine party anti-Zia alliance that includes the influential Pakistan Peoples Party led by Benazir Bhutto.

Another rival is the Muslim League faction led by four chief ministers currently in power in four Pakistani provinces of Punjab, Sind, Baluchistan and the Northwest Frontier. The four claim to inherit Zia's mantle.

Junejo claims to lead the party that Mohammed Ali Jinnah, father of the nation founded during British rule in undivided India. Britain freed Pakistan and India in 1947. The rally was timed with the observation yesterday of the 40th anniversary of Jinnah's death.

Junejo asked the rally's attendees to "vote judiciously" in the upcoming elections.

"I wish to complete the unfinished agenda of welfare of the people, if you bring me back into government," Junejo said.

A retired high court judge today took over as the new governor of Sind. He replaced retired Army General Rahimuddin Khan.

Indirect passenger service

BEIJING, Sept 12, (UPI): The first indirect passenger service between Taiwan and China completed its inaugural voyage today as 53 passengers landed at Shanghai harbour amid fresh initiatives by Beijing toward reunification with the offshore island.

The Panamanian-flagged Exoelior Mercury — which also carried 13 Chinese journalists — landed at the Wai Hongqiao dock today to what a Shanghai official described as "a warm welcome with much excitement."

"This is the first time Taiwanese have come to the mainland in this fashion. This will help develop the relationship between Taiwan and the mainland," Wang Mingyang of the Shanghai Foreign Affairs bureau said.

The official Xinhua news agency said the trip — made via Japan where passengers changed ships so as not to break Taipei's ban on direct travel to China — was the first of a regular indirect service between the mainland and the offshore island.

Unprecedented visit Botha in Mozambique

MAPUTO, Sept 12, (Reuters): South African President P.W. Botha, making an unprecedented visit to a black-ruled frontline state, met President Joaquim Chissano today in a remote area of northwestern Mozambique.

South Africa has been accused for years of backing the right-wing guerrillas whose attacks have devastated Mozambique's economy.

But the economies of white-ruled South Africa and its poorer, black-ruled neighbour are closely linked and the two Presidents were due to hold talks on fresh proposals for peaceful

co-existence and economic co-operation.

The official Mozambican news agency AIM said that Chissano was at the airport to meet Botha when the South African leader flew in to Songo, in north-west Tete province. They then visited the Cahora Bassa dam on the nearby Zambezi River.

Cahora Bassa is Africa's biggest development project, bigger than Egypt's Aswan Dam. It was built while Mozambique was still a Portuguese colony to provide cheap electricity for South Africa but has been turned into a white elephant by guerrilla sabotage of its power lines.



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China holds first multi-candidate elections

BEIJING, Sept 12, (AP): China has completed its first multi-candidate elections of provincial leaders, the weekly Beijing Review said today.

The elections, which wound up in August, "marked a new step forward for democracy" in China, where formerly the Communist Party chose the single candidate running for each seat, the authoritative weekly said.

Of China's 29 provinces and autonomous regions, the governors of eight and the chairmen of 11 provincial People's Congresses were chosen in multi-candidate votes, it said.

Deputy governors and vice-chairmen in 28 regions faced

competition, it said.

Under a law passed by the National People's Congress in 1986, there should be more than one candidate for provincial-level offices and each candidate must be nominated by at least 10 deputies to the provincial congress, or legislature.

Final voting is done by the deputies. Ordinary citizens can vote directly only for officials at the township and county level.

The weekly said the number of candidates nominated to the provincial posts was 24 per cent greater than the vacant positions.

"With the break from the out-

moded convention that a candidate, once nominated, would definitely be elected, the notion that officials can only get promotions but never demotions was pushed aside," it said.

The report also said the elections, held every five years,

increased from 18 to 26 per cent those governors and deputy governors under the age of 50. College graduates increased from 69 to 74 per cent. In People's Congresses, chairmen and vice-chairmen under 60 years rose from eight to 30 per cent.

Sri Lankans strike to mourn lawyer's death

COLOMBO, Sept 12, (AP): Businesses, schools and private transport shut down today in a nationwide general strike called by anti-government militants to mourn the death of a lawyer in police custody, police and witness said.

The Sinhalese Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (People's Liberation Front) called the strike to protest the death of lawyer Wijedasa Liyanarachchi and the alleged disappearance of suspects detained by security forces.

Liyanarachchi, 35, died on Sept 3, nine days after he was arrested in southern Sri Lanka for his ties to the opposition front. An autopsy showed he died of more than 100 internal injuries caused by a blunt weapon.

Police claim the lawyer, a member of the front, admitted involvement in several assassinations.

The government has ordered an inquiry into the death.

The People's Liberation Front put up posters around the country yesterday calling the strike.

Private businesses in Colombo's busy commercial centres closed and private buses stayed off the streets in response to the call, police and witnesses said.

Only a few state-run buses were operating, they said.

Police and soldiers were deployed throughout the capital. One bus driver was stabbed and a state-owned bus set on fire, police said.

Several bombs also exploded in the Colombo suburbs and in the central town of Kandy. Seventeen people were injured when a bomb was thrown at a bus in Colombo.

Senior police officers in Colombo said most businesses and schools closed because of threats by the front.

A few shops and banks opened in the morning but were closed by noon, fearing attacks by the front, the officers said.

Howe in Kenya

NAIROBI, Sept 12, (AP): Sir Geoffrey Howe, Britain's Foreign Secretary, today travelled to Kenya's arid north-west on the second day of a brief visit to this east African nation.

Howe was to meet with President Daniel Arap Moi in Nakuru, a provincial capital 140 kilometres (87 miles) northwest of Nairobi, before heading 345 kilometres (214 miles) further north to tour British-supported projects in Kenya's arid Turkana district.

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US destroyer rescues fishermen

Vincennes finally leaves

MANAMA, Bahrain, Sept 12. (AP) A US destroyer rescued three shipwrecked fishermen and was searching for a fourth after their two small craft foundered in rough seas in the Gulf of Oman, American naval sources said today.

The US Navy Missile Cruiser Vincennes finally left the Gulf on Sunday, but 26 US warships remain in the Gulf.

A Navy official said the Destroyer John Hancock had just finished escorting two US-chartered cargo vessels out of the Gulf when its patrol helicopter spotted the men clinging to pieces of wreckage.

He said they included two Pakistanis and a United Arab Emirates citizen, all from the UAE port of Fujairah.

The fishermen were quoted as saying one of their craft was swamped in the heavy seas and the second sank after trying to come to its rescue.

Replaced
The missing man was another emirates citizen, said the official, who asked not to be named.

The 7,800-ton John Hancock, based at Mayport, Florida, is one of five US warships scheduled to leave the Gulf within the next two weeks.

All will be replaced by ships now en route. Four of the latter

passed through the Suez Canal over the weekend.

It was the second reported rescue of fishermen by a US warship in the past month. In August, the Missile Cruiser Vincennes picked up eight Iranians who had been adrift for eight days in the Gulf of Oman. They were later repatriated.

The Vincennes, which on July 3 mistakenly shot down an Iranian jetliner, killing all 290 aboard, finally left the Gulf region for home port in San Diego, California, Sunday, a week after its original departure was delayed, US officials said.

Families of those killed in the US downing of Iran Air flight 655 by the Vincennes are unlikely to receive compensation during the remaining months Ronald Reagan is president, officials say.

Hurdles

Reagan pledged to offer compensation soon after the USS Vincennes shot down the plane over the Gulf, but the plan still faces two steep hurdles — the bureaucratic and legal obstacles caused by a lack of communication between the United States and Iran, and its continued unpopularity on Capitol Hill.

"I think we're a long way from payments actually being made, if they ever actually are," said Congressman Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

While US officials refused to characterise the Vincennes' withdrawal as a "drawdown," US Navy sources reaffirmed that there are no plans to replace the 9,600-ton Aegis cruiser.

Delay

It thus represents the first US force reduction, from 27 to 26 warships, since the Iran-Iraq ceasefire took effect Aug 20.

US officials in Washington said the Vincennes was being withdrawn because its long-range radar and weapons capability "is no longer needed there."

The officials said it would be "inappropriate" to say why the Vincennes was held over an extra week. But Navy sources, insisting on anonymity, confirmed anew that the delay was hastily ordered after a Gulf Arab government objected to the cruiser being pulled out while the ceasefire process remained stalled.

The sources declined to identify the Arab government or say why the Vincennes was now leaving despite the fact that the Geneva talks have continued to show no significant progress.

"That's for the department of defence to say," one source said.

University rector calls for reform

NO high-level universities in other countries have a policy like the one at Kuwait University which requires the appointment of Kuwaitis to the university's teaching staff, according to Dr Abdul Moeen Al Abdurazzak, rector of Kuwait University.

In the University's annual report, the rector attributed the low level of education at the university to its requirement of a doctorate degree for all teachers. Not every PhD holder is necessarily qualified for the jobs, he said.

The official called for a new policy governing the appointment of expatriate professors. The policy should be void of any threatening element from the university or any other authority, he said.

Promotions

He also criticised the university's promotion system. He said the complicated system shows preference for quantity at the expense of quality.

Promotions should be based on efficiency, research and teaching experience, he said. Promotion is not an automatic right, but should be a recognition of a teacher's performance, he said.

The university's registration system is a chronic problem and there is little chance that it will be surmounted soon. He said credit hours system further complicates the problem — particularly in the absence of clear guidelines, he said. After 10 years, the credit hours system still suffers from a lack of sound directives and criteria, he said.

The university also needs efficient and serious students who know how to plan their futures, he added.

Accommodation
Discussing the University's accommodation capacity, the rector said that the relevant forecasts say that by 1991 there will be about 22,000 students at the University's centres in Shuwaikh, Khaldiya and Keifan. A new headquarters for the university will be built at Shaddadiyah area which will group all the main faculties, he said.

Speaking about the University's budget, Al Abdurazzak said that it is termed an "independent budget," but what is needed is a "flexible budget" which would enable the university to set up its own plans and to keep up with modern needs.

Israel blamed for poison gas campaign

KUWAIT, an Iraqi ally, yesterday blamed Israel as being behind accusations that Iraqi forces used chemical warfare against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq.

"Zionist circles are behind the current media campaign against Iraq for alleged use of chemical weapons," Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed told the official Kuwait News Agency (KUNA).

Baghdad has denied US allegations that it used poison gas against Kurdish rebels and civilians who later fled into Turkey.

Sheikh Nawaf said that the Iran-Iraq war claimed "too many lives that could have been spared for ... the liberation of

holy Jerusalem."

He also said United Nations sponsored peace talks between Iran and Iraq in Geneva should "deal with lasting peace, not only for the two belligerents, but for all countries of the Arabian Gulf region with the aim of making it an area of peace."

Kuwait, within earshot of the Iran-Iraq war front, came under Iranian missile attack during the eight-year war because of its financial and political support for Baghdad.

The agency quoted a Foreign Ministry official as urging the international community to help push the Geneva peace talks forward.

Teaching computer in schools planned

THE Ministry of Education is planning to teach computer programming in the first and second secondary grades in 40 public schools, Education Minister Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri said yesterday.

Addressing a press conference at the start of the new academic year, Al Nouri said the ministry conducted an experiment last year on the teaching of computer science in the same 40 secondary schools at the first level.

The experiment will be applied to the second secondary level. The subject may become a compulsory area of study at public secondary schools, according to the minister.

In the meantime, Al Nouri said there are now 28,220 teachers in the schools. Among them, 2142 are newly hired educators.

The increased number of teachers were hired to cope with the ever increasing number of students in various levels of education, the minister said, adding that 383,369 students are now being taught in public schools.

Discussing private schools licensed by the ministry, Al Nouri said there are 80 private schools with some 81,000 students, an increase of 15,800 students compared to last year.

Official denies allegations

Farwaniya hospital admits first delivery pregnancy cases

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Farwaniya Hospital admits first delivery and high-risk pregnancy cases, according to its director Dr Sa'ad Zagloul. The official denied allegations that women in labour are refused admission due to shortage of beds.

Last week, a lady complained that she was not admitted at the Farwaniya hospital, but was transferred to the Farwaniya polyclinic.

Zagloul responded by saying: "Pregnant women having their second or third child are not admitted at the hospital, but sent to the polyclinic to lessen pressure on the hospital."

Another patient who was at first refused admission, but later admitted after her husband vehemently objected said: "I saw empty beds at the maternity ward where I was taken." She added that the mention of a shortage of beds by the hospital staff is just a pretext and not a fact.

The woman was in such an advanced stage of labour that she

gave birth within minutes of being placed on a stretcher — without even being placed on a bed.

The director of the hospital said that some pregnant women come to the hospital if they feel labour pain even though they were transferred to the clinic. They then deliberately wait outside the hospital in their cars until the last minute to force the hospital to admit them.

Zagloul urged patients to leave hospital beds for high-risk patients who need hospitalisation.

Prefer

Commenting on the situation, the doctor said that most pregnant women prefer delivery at the hospital to the clinic due to belief that care is better at hospitals than at clinics. They think clinics are only for the lower classes.

The expertise of highly qualified doctors are available at maternity clinics along with nurses, modern equipment and adequate beds, he said.

The Farwaniya hospital has the capacity to receive 220,000

patients every year, but now receives as many as 450,000 yearly. The casualty ward receives 1,000 cases daily, most of which do not require urgent treatment.

The head of the Maternity and Gynaecology Department at Farwaniya hospital, Dr Hani Odeh, said that pressure at the casualty ward is really evident when pregnant women who do not need urgent treatment come for delivery.

Donate

Some patients come from as far as Salmiya and Sabah on the 5th Ring Road and wait for two or three hours to deliver at the hospital even though it is easier to go to maternity clinics. The hospital receives about 25 delivery cases daily. The hospital has facilities to treat 4,000 cases every year, but receives 11,000, he added.

A new maternity centre, next to the hospital is under consideration. People could donate funds to build a maternity centre following the example of Al Ghanim Centre and Juma' Cancer Centre, he said.

Appeal to help Sudan and Bangladesh

By Fatima Ahmed

THE International Islamic Charity Authority in Kuwait yesterday launched an urgent appeal for donations to help victims of famine and floods in Sudan and Bangladesh.

"We must help our Muslim brethren, who are in dire need of assistance, with cash or kind," said Dr Adel Al Fallah of the charity organisation.

The authority appeal supplements Kuwait government's aid package to Sudan and Bangladesh. Kuwait will soon send relief supplies to Dhaka.

Thousands of people are dying of hunger in Sudan, and millions have been made homeless in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Kuwait K. M. Shehabuddin said 2.44 million people were made homeless and nearly 38 million affected by the floods which ravaged Bangladesh, destroying 46,103 km of roads and flooding 50 of the 64 districts. About 4.21 million hectares of farmland were damaged and 100,000 cattle killed. More than 3,800 schools and 1,564 bridges were destroyed.

Bangladesh urgently needs about three million tonnes of foodgrain, babyfood, medicine, water purifying tablets, building materials, water transport vehicles, and cash assistance.

Salah M. Ahmad of the



Dr Adel Al Fallah flanked by K.M. Shehabuddin (right) and Salah M. Ahmad

Sudanese embassy also made a similar appeal to help the famine victims in his country. In Sudan 50,000 have died of hunger and at least 40 people, mostly children, are dying daily.

Denying

Ahmad said large quantities of food, medicine and tents are needed for Sudan.

Denying allegations of misappropriations, both the diplomats said: "Adequate arrangements have been made to distribute relief aid to the victims."

In Sudan, the High Commission for Refugees will handle distribution, while in Bangladesh the President travels to affected areas to oversee relief work. The UN secretary-general has also appointed a relief co-ordinator for Bangladesh.

Donations can be sent directly to the International Islamic Charity Authority, Kuwait Finance House, Acct. No. 15300/5 Sudan, and Acct. No. 14470/7, Bangladesh.

Donations to Bangladesh can also be sent directly to the President's Relief and Welfare Fund, A/C, P-2, Sonali Bank, Bangabhaban branch, Dhaka, or through that country's embassy in Kuwait. The Sudanese embassy is also receiving aid for famine victims.

Doctors may work in private sector

DR NAEL AL NAQUIB, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Public Health, has been quoted as saying that a decision allowing Kuwaiti physicians to work in the private sector outside surgery hours has been adopted by the ministry.

Doctors will be able to manage their own private clinics in accordance with certain stipulated conditions, he added.

He further noted that the new decision cancelled the previous one, made in 1987, which denied Kuwaiti physicians the opportunity of working privately.

Held for attempting to assault women

HAWALLI governorate CID arrested a 36-year-old Kuwaiti national, identified only as A.H., on a charge of committing several thefts and attempting to assault women.

The defendant admitted to the charges against him and explained how he committed the crimes. He said that he broke into houses in the morning after the men had left for work and stole various items, most of which were gold ornaments, and tried to assault the women.

The value of the stolen goods amounted to some KD 100,000.

The man was recognised by several of the women and girls he attempted to assault. He is unemployed and has a previous criminal record.

Punjab University examinations

PUNJAB UNIVERSITY Part I examinations will be held in the Embassy of India from Sept 22 at 11:30 am to 14:30 pm. Examinees should report to the embassy on due date.

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Saudi Arabia's green revolution in the red

BAHRAIN, Sept 12. (Reuters): Seen from high above Saudi Arabia, the fertile wheat circles stretching to the desert horizon are giant green polka dots on a sheet of brown velvet.

The wheat fields are landmarks in a land where, for thousands of years bedouin nomads scoured the burning dunes in search of food for their animals and where the threat of starvation came with every scorching sunrise.

In one decade the fields of wheat, swept by giant circular irrigation, have turned huge areas of Saudi Arabia's parched heartland into verdant farms.

The desert kingdom, not long ago a net importer of wheat, now counts Norway, China, Colombia and Kenya as customers for its grain.

Rethink

In contrast to the green wheat, pink-dyed imported barley in the docks points to part of the dilemma Saudi Arabia faces over its grain dealings.

Green is not cheap, even for one of the world's richest countries. Economists say huge subsidies and diminishing ground water are forcing the government

to rethink its policy. "What it boils down to is that Saudis are exporting their money and exporting their water," said one Western economist.

Since the oil boom of the late 1970s and early 1980s, Saudi Arabia has been spent heavily in its search for self-sufficiency in food.

Oil money gave farmers land, machinery, fertilisers and water, plus a bounty of 2,000 riyals (533 dollars) for every tonne of wheat grown, more than four times the world price.

Aid

This autumn the kingdom's harvesters reaped a record 2.8 million tonnes, a giant leap from the few thousand tonnes grown a decade ago and three times more than local consumption.

Some of the huge surplus is given away as aid, in particular to Saudi Arabia's less fortunate Red Sea neighbour Sudan, now ravaged by floods, famine, locusts, civil war and poverty.

More wheat is pouring through new political openings to the Soviet Union and China.

An economist reckoned that each tonne of wheat sold on the world market for 110 dollars cost Saudi Arabia 600 dollars to

grow, store, market and transport. And, there is a hidden and ultimately more treacherous cost, geologists say.

Saudi Arabia's desert oil wells are deep and bountiful. Its water wells are not, and the wheat fields are sucking them dry.

Subsidies

Once it is pumped to the arid surface through the rotating sprinklers, water that has remained below the dunes for millions of years will never be replaced.

"It's not clear how quickly it's being used up — but the water table is dropping at a horrific rate," said one geologist.

In some places the drop is 50 metres a year. Experts say around 89 per cent of all the water Saudi Arabia uses is fossil ground water and 92 per cent of that is being splashed on farms. "A manager must ask himself why a non-replenishable resource is being used to produce a crop that isn't needed," said an economist.

Even more illogical and costly, Saudi Arabia not only pays to export wheat, but it subsidises barley imports.

The government pays importers 100 riyals (27 dollars) for every tonne of barley they buy.

Saudi Arabia grows 200,000 tonnes of barley a year — and consumes 4.5-6 million tonnes.

Aware of the anomaly, the government in 1985 ordered farmers to plant some barley for every hectare (2.5 acres) under wheat. But they made more money from wheat and ignored the decree.

Economists said farmers simply trucked imported barley from port and sold it to the government as home-grown. To prevent this, from happening again the government in January ordered imported barley to be dyed pink.

Industry sources said the government recently wrote to the five major publicly-traded agriculture companies, cutting the wheat support price to 1,500 riyals (400 dollars) from 2,000 riyals (533 dollars).

The farmers were ordered to plant a hectare of barley for every one of wheat. The new decree does not apply as yet to private farmers, who grow 88 per cent of Saudi wheat, but the economists said the decree may be extended to them.



The body of one of two men killed in a car crash yesterday is taken from the scene of the wreck on Al Ghazal Street. The driver, a 22-year-old Kuwaiti man, and his passenger, a 38-year-old Bangladeshi man, died when their car hit a tractor-trailer truck parked on the right side of the road. The car hit the trailer and went under the truck, reports said.

Higher Islamic Studies Institute to open in US

THE Higher Islamic Studies Institute in the US trains graduates in research, teaching and spreading correct Islamic beliefs among Muslims in the West, a member of that institute's Board of Trustees said yesterday.

Dr Khaled Al Mathkur, who is also a professor at Kuwait University's Islamic Sharia (law) College, told KUNA that establishment of the institute last July was meant to elevate the scientific level of Muslim lawyers and scholars. The institute was also formed to strengthen their role in shielding the Islamic Nation against dangerous ideas that threaten its safety and social entity.

Islamic and Arab studies centres in the US yearly grant Muslim students higher certificates in Islamic Sciences, but he said that orientals, who lack accurate understanding of Islamic beliefs, run the centres.

The situation prompted the Higher Islamic Council in Los

Angeles, California, USA to establish the institute to prepare Muslim students for obtaining higher certificates in Islamic Sciences, Mathkur said.

Thousands of Muslim students enrol in about 1,000 universities and institutes in the states. The high enrolment highlights the importance of catering to the cultural needs of those students, he said.

Entrusted

Dr Mathkur said that he and Dr Ali Al Tubaihi, secretary general of the Higher Islamic Council, are members of the Board of Trustees which is headed by Dr Abdullah Al Turki, rector of the Saudi Islamic University of Imam Mohammed Ibn Saud.

An academic council representing the institute's teaching staff is entrusted with endorsing teaching curriculums, requirements of the certificates and admission standards.

The institute's educational programmes are conducted in Arabic and English. The institute awards three scientific degrees, a one-year higher diploma, a Master of Arts following another year and finally a three-year doctorate, Dr Mathkur said.

Specialise

The doctorate's preliminary year focuses on legal and Islamic studies with each necessitating the study of five subjects in one course, Dr Mathkur explained.

A student who wishes to specialise in Islamic studies should learn all five subjects along with two others from the legal studies and vice-versa, he said.

Students wishing to join the institute, which will open next October, should carry a university degree with no less than a 70 per cent success rate, pass the TOEFL and prove their ability to shoulder living and tuition costs, Dr Mathkur concluded.

Restoring bedouin rugs and textiles

THE Sadu House will soon open a permanent workshop to restore rugs and textiles as part of efforts to conserve bedouin arts and crafts, said its director Sheikh Al Safar Al Sabah.

A French oriental carpet expert, Ali Bayat-Louis, is currently in Kuwait to train local staff. The two-month training programme started earlier this month and is expected to last until the end of October. More than 400 sadu pieces — carpets, rugs, cushions and textiles, saddle bags and tents — in the collection of the Sadu House will be restored. Some of the objects are over 20 years old and badly needed restoration.

Previously, bedouins preserved their work by storing the objects in earthen pots known as "aduls" and prevented moth attacks by inserting a fabric pouch filled with red peppers. Every summer, the carpets and tents were aired and washed. Bedouin textiles had a relatively short life as nomads could not store their tent furnishings and preferred to replace them.

Present methods of preservation differ tremendously. After a carpet is vacuum-cleaned it is washed outdoors, preferably in

an open courtyard and sponged-dried with towels. To remove colour stains that could run into white areas, undiluted household bleach is used. A small amount of bleach is gently brushed on the stains until they disappear. The carpet is then straightened and left to dry in the sun. Damaged carpets are restored by carefully re-informing the fringes of the rug by blanket stitches.

Such restoration methods, says Sheikh Al Safar, would enable them to preserve some of the best pieces in the collection.

The Sadu House was formed in 1979 by a group of Kuwaitis to protect bedouin culture and revive their handicrafts, which were being neglected. Efforts have been fairly successful due to emphasis on training a new generation of weavers and protecting the old. Bedouin weavers are encouraged through such incentives as a ready market for their products and facilities at the Sadu. So far, 250 bedouin weavers, mostly women, supply their work to the Sadu House on a regular basis. Rugs, textiles, carpets and other objects are exhibited at Sadu House.

Al Sadu is also training a new generation of weavers by hold-



Bedouin women weaving a rug at Al Sadu.

ing regular weaving classes for young Kuwaitis and teachers at the public schools. Their aim is to teach those people who can pass on the art to the younger generation. Their next session is due to start in October.

Recently, the government announced its decision to present only sadu pieces to dignitaries visiting Kuwait. Sheikh Al Safar said the decision would "raise demand" for Al Sadu works and further support their efforts to preserve the art form.

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Above and right: examples of bedouin weaving. Over 400 objects are now being restored at the Sadu House.



● The pasta promotion at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel will continue until Thursday. Imaginative combinations of fettuccine, spaghetti, reginette and pappardelle are being offered, in addition to well-known traditional Italian cuisine.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Arts Museum The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

THEATRE

KLT KLT will hold audition for "Two and Two Make Six," a comedy, directed by Stephen Prescott on Monday (Sept 12) and Tuesday (Sept 13) at 7 pm at the KLT, Ahmadi.

Person Unknown Auditions for Kuwait Players first production, Person Unknown, a murder thriller, will take place on Sept. 13 (Tuesday) from 7.30 pm at Messilah Beach Hotel. Directed by Paul Brown. The play will be performed from Nov. 7 to 10. For details Tel: 561-1546.

CINEMA

Cine Club Diwan Club Kuwait Cine Club will hold a weekly gathering diwan club — every Wednesday at 7 pm at its premises, 8 Sherif Al Radi St. Bneid Al Qar. The diwan club is open to members, their invitees and newcomers who wish to acquaint themselves with the club's activities. Discussions at the first diwan club will centre on weekly screenings on Wednesday nights and other topics.

Children's Film Alias the Jester, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council on Wednesday, Sept 14, 6 pm and on Thursday, Sept 15, 10.30 am. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

MUSIC

Songfest '88 Audition for singers for the 1988 Filipino Song Festival will be held on Sept 22, Thursday, 3 pm, at Mabuhay Restaurant. For details call Danny — 5728000 ext. 7437; Louella — 243880 ext. 572.

Country Western Musical KLT and ACT present their annual country western musical at the KLT, Ahmadi. Night at 7.30 pm on Sept 27. Other performances at 8 pm

on Sept 28 and 29. Matinee at 5 pm on Sept 30. For bookings call 572-7558; 571-2033; 562-0332.

Indian Ballet The Bharata Natyam troupe, led by Mohiniyattam exponent, Mrs. Prameela Suresh, will stage a ballet Panchavadi, and a number of Nrithas, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

East meets West The Indian Arts Circle presents "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams featuring Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. The lead vocalist will be Susan Rego. It will be held at IAC, Funaitees, at 6.30 pm on Oct 6. Entry by passes. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

Beat Show The Kuwait Goan Beat Show will be held on Oct 14, 3.30 pm, at the IAC, Funaitees. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Goans.

Guitar Recital German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton on Oct 19, "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

Sounds Great Auditions will be held on Thursday, Sept 15, at 3 pm, Friday, Sept 16, at 11 am and Saturday, Sept 17, 7.30 pm, at the Universal American School, Salwa, for singers, dancers and musicians for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Salmiya cinema from Oct 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

EDUCATION

Dar-ul Quran Registration has begun for the first year Arabic language and Islamic teaching classes, which start on Sept 17, at the Dar-ul-Quran, Farwaniya. Free tuition. Medium of instruction is Urdu. Open to expatriates from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Contact the principal at Dar-ul-Quran, Farwaniya, personally, or phone on 4730335 on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm.

British Council The education adviser at the British Council, Mansouriya, will give a talk on "Bachelor Degrees in Britain," on Tues-



● The Versailles Restaurant at the Kuwait Meridien Hotel recently reopened, offering a new concept in dining. It has been transformed into a seafood and grill restaurant and is open for lunch and dinner.

day, Sept 13, 6 pm. For further details phone Mrs. Kate Harris on 2515512/2533204.

SOCIAL

Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait" dance party at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Sept 29 at 8 pm. Music by Top Ranks and the Juke Box band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

Goan Fiesta 88 The Goan Fiesta 88 will be held on Thursday, Oct 13, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. It will take place at the Messilah Beach Hotel's Habiba ballroom. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For details Tel: 4813740.

Nite Flight '88 Airlines staff in association with SAS, Kuwait, will hold "Nite Flight '88" at the Tent — an evening of entertainment, music and many surprises. Further details will be announced shortly.

Open Day Steps Studio will hold a get-together for arts and crafts teachers on Wednesday, Sept 14, 6 to 9 pm.

An open-day will also be held on Sept 15, 9 am to 1 pm, to introduce the children's dance activities at the club. All parents and children are welcome. Tel: 574-7313 for further details.

Varca Sporting Centre Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent, SAS hotel, on Sept 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. Highlights include beauty queen contest, ideal couple contest, fancy dress parade, games, bingo and other surprises. For reservations and details, contact Maqbool 4712900, Albert 2410461, or James 5331940.

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SPORTS

PBAK Inter-Comm. Bowling League Scheduled games this week:

Men's Division: Sept. 15, Thurs. 6.30 pm at 300 Club. (1) Hatid Ligaya vs Abughose Intl.; (2) Al Nakib Al Qatari vs Al Gabandi; (3) Phil. Supreme vs Far East Rest.

Friday (Sept 16) 1 pm: (1) Port Public Authority vs Magnolia Ice Cream; (2) 300 Club vs Kayn Asso. Inc.; (3) Al Gabandi vs Satellite Co.

Women's Division: Friday, Sept. 16, 9 am: (1) Boodai Aviation vs Far East Rest.; (2) Magnolia Ice Cream vs Geds & Kayn Asso. Inc.

Windsurfing Regatta MBH Windsurfing Regatta takes place on Oct 7. Open to men, women and teams. Entry forms available from Marine Centre (Tel: 5755960); Qabazard Marine (Tel: 4830570). For further details phone 5624111 ext. 751/739.

Adult Softball All men interested in playing in the Kuwait International Softball League contact Steve Diemler — Tel: 5315246 or Vic Mason — Tel: 5728931. Ladies interested to join the Ladies League are asked to call Rita Diemler — Tel: 5315246.

IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre.

Boy's Own Club Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

3.30 Holy Quran
3.35 Heidi: cartoon serial
4.10 World News via Satellite
4.40 Fursan Al Hikmah: "Allah fi Qalbi." Arabic serial, with Mohammad Daffarawi, Midhat Saleh, Hamza Shimi.
5.40 Cartoons
6.10 Summer '88
7.05 Faces and Events
8.10 Musical Interlude
8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Al Sharab Maksour: new Arabic serial, starring Hassan Yusuf, Nawal Al Futuh, Mustafa Fahmi.
10.50 Mawad Faliqah: "Al Masrah Al Shairi." The role of lyricists in theatre will be discussed. Focus on the work of poet Ahmad

Shawki and others.
12.05 News Summary
12.10 World News via Satellite, followed by Holy Quran/Closedown.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Rubick: cartoons
6.30 Seal Morning
7.00 Australian Ark: "Changing Face of Australia" A look at the geological history, and changes, that occurred in Australia.
8.00 News in English
8.30 You and the Law: local show.
8.50 Magnum: "Murder by Night." After the death of a publisher, Magnum finds himself drawn to the case. Starring: Tom Selleck.
9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French

series with Arabic sub-title.

10.00 Perfect Strangers: "To Be or Not to Be." Larry and Binky try to get acting tips from each other after they are selected to star in a film.

10.30 B/W feature film: "The Crystal Ball." Starring: Ray Milland, Paulette Goddard. A girl from Texas takes a job as a fortune-teller's assistant, where she snags her man. Comedy. 1943 production. Duration: 80 minutes.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsweek
30 Beethoven (ex 20th and 27th New Music)
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Short Story
45 Language Extra
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Sports International
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 John Peel
0400 Newsweek
30 Without Strings (ex 20th and 27th Sportsworld)
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 New Ideas
40 Book Choice
45 The World Today
0600 Newsweek
30 Celluloid Rock

0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Language Extra
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Health Matters (ex 27th Tech Talk)
30 Beethoven (ex 20th and 27th New Music)
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sport
45 English Songsmiths (ex 20th and 27th Sportsworld)
1000 News Summary followed by Discovery
30 Sports International
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Waveguide
25 Book Choice
30 Citizens
1200 Radio Newsweek
15 Multitrack 1: Top 20
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK (ex 20th and 27th Sportsworld)
45 Recording of the Week

1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 Without Strings (ex 27th)
1500 Radio Newsweek
15 A Jolly Good Show
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Omnibus
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary
15 Citizens
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsweek
30 Development '88
1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary
39 Stock Market Report
45 Report on Religion (ex 20th and 27th Sportsworld)
2000 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Meridian

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Italian Hour
1800 Pops
2145 Pops
2300 Indian Classical Hour
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Music
0200 Closedown

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behnen Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Radio Club
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Jahan Numan
2100 Closedown

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Steel Dawn
Starring: Patrick Swazi, Liza

Al Salmiya
Disorderlies
Starring: Ralph Bellamy, Anthony Gerard

Al Hamra
Action Jackson
Starring: Carol Wades

Drive-In
Surqah Nadam (Arabic)
Starring: Nadia Lutfi, Mahmood Yassin

Al Firdous
Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak (Hindi)
Starring: Juhi Chawla, Aamir Khan

Fahabehel Open-Air
Pehchan (Hindi)

Al Fahabehel
Secret Admirer

Al Jahra
Chand Suraj (Bengali)

Granada
Oru Minnaminunginte
Nurungu Vettam (Malayalam)

Salaibikhat
The Secret of My Success

Al Jleeb
Raj Dulari (Bengali)

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Al Kamasha (Arabic)

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

REPETITION does not transform a lie into truth — Franklin Delano Roosevelt, US president (1882-1945).

OPINION

Iraqi media need not over-react

ONE important fact that should always be remembered is that Iraq is bigger than a bunch of Zionists trying to throw a "monkey-wrench" into the great Iraqi victory.

Iraq has the capacity to surmount all ill-designed attempts to subvert its activities. Iraq has been clearly demonstrated by its glorious victory. Iraq has emerged as an important military and political force. These facts are now terrifying Israel.

Iraq is also annoying its enemy's and Israel's allies and thus should have expected such motivated designs. It must also be remembered that the US Senate initiated disturbing moves because of the big gains achieved by Iraq.

But then again, the US Senate is not the United States. The American people who hate international terrorism have high esteem for Iraq's steadfastness against terrorism.

In view of the above facts, and with all due respect and esteem for Iraq's policies, Baghdad should not react strongly to the US Senate's decision because it will not affect Iraq. One of the most important goals of the decision is perhaps to intimidate Baghdad and push it into over-reacting, thus paving the way for international Zionism to exploit the situation by insinuating that Iraq is against the American people. This is exactly what we do not want.

Baghdad emerged victorious from the eight-year-war and enjoys international respect that will not be affected by a group of fanatical Jews in the US Senate.

Moreover, this decision is of no importance to Iraq. As we said, Iraq does not need loans from US banks or others. Iraq has ample capabilities and investment opportunities that can be translated into cash.

What is wanted now is for the Iraqi media to stop reacting and replying to the decision by the US Senate. This group in the US Senate is certainly smaller than a demonstration in the streets of Baghdad. Iraq is stronger than them, and certainly more wiser.

These Zionists have damaged US interests because they believe that protecting Israel is more important than protecting the US itself. Events of the US presidential election campaigns are striking evidence of the dirty roles the Zionists are playing in damaging the US national interest. This fact has been highlighted publicly for the first time in the American media.

We commend Baghdad on being the capital of true diplomacy.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Ankara pursues independent foreign policy

Turkey seeks to play greater role in Middle East

By Jadranka Porter

TURKEY is aspiring to play a greater political role in the Middle East, an ambition made easier by Ankara's pursuance of a determinedly independent foreign policy.

The Mediterranean country, a NATO member and a contender for the EEC membership, has quietly and steadily been replacing its pro-Western stance with an independent foreign policy which on many issues is broadly in line with the views held by the Non-Aligned Movement.

The latest example of the Turkish neutral stance came last Wednesday when a foreign ministry spokesman called for the withdrawal of foreign fleets from the Gulf.

The Turkish government, he said, welcomed the French and US decisions to begin the withdrawal of its war ships from the Gulf.

The statement stressed that problems in the area should be solved through a dialogue among the parties concerned and without foreign intervention.

Turkey has maintained that the presence of foreign fleets in the Gulf added to the tension in

the region.

Said one Turkish diplomat: "On some issues we are more non-aligned than the non-aligned themselves."

But he stressed that Turkey's links with the West are strong, enabling it to be "a bridge between the Western and Islamic worlds, not only geographically, but in a commercial and political sense too."

Links

Turkey, which joined NATO in 1952, first began rethinking its pro-Western policy in the early 1960s. Since then the shift towards a neutral stance on international issues, usually promoted through the United Nations has become more evident.

"We realised that we had neglected the Middle East and the non-aligned countries and we sought to introduce a more balanced foreign policy," said a Turkish diplomat.

This policy received fresh impetus when Turgut Ozal, the leader of Turkey's Motherland Party, assumed the premiership in 1983.

India, a founder member of the Non-Aligned Movement, was among the first countries

Ozal visited as a premier.

This demonstrated Turkey's independent foreign policy and the convergence of Ankara's views with the Non-Aligned Movement, according to an Asian diplomat.

Ankara also claims to have sound bilateral relations with non-aligned countries.

Turkey strongly supported the UN resolution on Namibia and was in fact a cornerstone of the Namibia council which also included three representatives of non-aligned countries.

Turkish officials point to the humanitarian motives behind some of their foreign policy moves.

Help

When the Africa Fund was set up at the non-aligned summit in Harare, Zimbabwe, to help the blacks in South Africa, Turkey voluntarily contributed \$500,000.

The Mediterranean country also received some one million refugees from Iran, Afghanistan and northern Iraq over the past few years.

A Kuwait-based diplomat from a non-aligned country said that Turkey has supported the non-aligned stand on North-South dialogue, Namibia, Kam-

puchea, Afghanistan and Middle Eastern issues.

"You just have to look at the pattern of voting at the UN to see that our views on numerous issues are identical with those of the non-aligned countries," said a Turkish diplomat.

However, a long-standing bone of contention between the Non-Aligned Movement and Ankara was over the Turkish military presence on the divided island of Cyprus.

The Movement repeatedly called for the withdrawal of Turkish troops. The Turks claim that they have not had an opportunity to present their point of view to the Movement.

Turkey's shift toward neutrality is not coincidental. According to Turkish officials, Ankara realised that the West cannot solve its problems.

Influence

The West is only too aware of Turkey's importance as the only NATO country bordering Soviet Union, and has continued to provide it with financial aid.

An Asian diplomat in Kuwait said that it is in Turkey's best interest to side with the majority. "The non-aligned countries have tremendous influence in the

international forums. The vast majority of the UN member states are members of the Non-Aligned Movement. Being non-aligned gives a country manoeuvrability and an independent status," the diplomat said.

Turkey as a member of the Western alliance may have also found that it was a small fish in a big pond.

Turkish officials admit that Ankara is seeking to exert greater influence on the international scene.

An opportunity has arisen for Turkey to play a greater political role in the Middle East within the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Prisoners

Most of the OIC members belong to the Non-Aligned Movement. Ankara was strictly neutral in the Gulf war and it allowed both Iraq and Iran, its major trading partners, to use its territory for oil exports.

Turkish diplomats have been shuttling between Baghdad and Tehran for consultations through the war.

In late August and September Turkish diplomats visited Baghdad and Tehran seeking ways to contribute to the peace process.

Turkey has facilitated the exchange of Iraqi and Iranian prisoners of war and is prepared to do so again.

Ankara has also initiated moves to improve the relations between Iran and some Gulf states.

The Mediterranean country recently opened its borders to Kurdish refugees from Iraq on humanitarian grounds and later welcomed Iraq's offer of amnesty for Kurdish rebels.

Conflicts plaguing the Islamic world have prompted Turkey to initiate a proposal for the introduction of security and confidence-building measures within the organisation.

The OIC is about to appoint a five-member committee to work on the proposal. A Turkish representative will sit on the committee.

In addition to striving to solve existing disputes, the OIC must also adopt measures to prevent potential disputes, a Turkish official said.

Turkey is drawing on its experience as a member of the European Security and Co-operation Conference, which has adopted confidence-building measures to improving relations among some European nations.



Change brings relaxed mood in Libya

By Philip Shehadi

TRIPOLI (Reuters): It would have been hard to imagine two years ago: central Tripoli full of ice cream and soft drink vendors, its souk bustling, youths playing football by the port or sipping tea in an outdoor cafe.

After years of austerity, sacrifice and confrontation with the outside world, Libya has begun to relax. The word "change" is on everyone's lips, and no one doubts the change is for the better.

Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi ushered in the 20th year of his socialist revolution this month, saying his Jamahiriya (state of the masses) had entered a new era of freedom and prosperity.

Instead of war and hardship, he spoke of peace and self-enrichment. He urged his four million people to seize the initiative, exercise new freedoms and construct a social model for the world.

Just over a year ago, Libya was

reeling from defeats in a war with its southern neighbour Chad, cut off from its Arab neighbours to the east and west and stung by Western sanctions and a 1986 US air raid. Castigated by much of the West for its alleged support for terrorism, it seemed very much alone.

Shops were shuttered. Discontent simmered over the unpopular war in Chad, shortages of consumer goods and abuses of power by Revolutionary Committees, zealous guardians of the revolution.

Khaddafi has changed much of that in a dramatic series of policy turnabouts. He has made peace with Chad, blown up the border posts with Tunisia and unilaterally pulled back troops from the Egyptian frontier.

He has freed political prisoners, condemned killings by the Revolutionary Committees and given merchants and farmers new licence to buy and sell, breaking the monopoly of state marketing firms.

The country is no longer on a

war footing. On Aug 31 Khaddafi, a 46-year-old colonel, announced plans to replace the traditional Army and police with a "Jamahiriya Guard" and cut military service from two years to one.

Destroyed

The central military barracks at Bab Al-Aziziya, where Khaddafi's home was destroyed by US planes, has been whitewashed and planted and looks almost pretty.

For the first time in several years, there was no military parade this year to mark Sept 1, anniversary of Khaddafi's 1969 revolution that overthrew a pro-Western monarch.

"Be rich," he urged the crowd in a Revolutionary Day speech that focused on economic reforms. "Everyone is invited to become bourgeois on condition that he does not do so by stealing, the effort of another or plunder."

At a meeting last week of writers and artists, long subject to strict censorship, Khaddafi told them to create freely. "Meet and decide anything you want... you are free."

Western and Arab diplomats say Khaddafi faces no organised internal opposition. Political and economic liberalisation has for the moment checked dissent among the middle classes, while the Army, discredited by its performance in Chad, appears to pose little threat, they said.

By criticising excesses of his Revolutionary Guards, and suggesting state trading agencies were guilty of inefficiency and corruption, Khaddafi has deflected blame from himself and thrown the ball into the people's court, the diplomats said.

"The problem with the masses is they criticise the government but then don't take its place," Khaddafi said last week, expounding on his theory of direct rule by the masses.

Beneath the changes, there are constants. Khaddafi said the country remained a target of what he called US imperialism and must remain on guard. He proposed abolishing the traditional Army only to make Libyan fighters more effective, he said.

He retains a vision of world revolution inspired by his third universal theory, a unique blend of socialism and Islam.

Western Europe disappointed by skimpy share of SDI project

By Julian Baum

LONDON: Western Europe is disappointed — and a bit resentful — over the skimpy share it has received in President Reagan's "Star Wars" programme.

The United States' multi-billion dollar project to develop a missile-defence shield against Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles, known as the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), has proved almost impervious to foreign participation.

Experts say that the European allies' share of research and development funds is unlikely to increase in years ahead, even if the controversial programme outlives Reagan's administration.

"The bottom line is that the allies are disappointed in the money that's come, and the second bottom line is that they shouldn't be surprised," said Ivo Daalder of the International Institute of Strategic Studies in London. Daalder, a research associate, is studying the impact of the SDI programme on NATO defence policy.

Daalder said there is resentment in Europe that the Reagan administration extracted political support for SDI with the lure of huge defence contracts. Now the critics, who said three years ago such contracts would never be signed, have been vindicated. Five countries have signed secret memorandums with the US on participation in SDI — Britain, West Germany, Israel, Italy, and Japan. France, Canada, Belgium, and the Netherlands have not signed, but have been awarded some contracts. Japan signed a memorandum in 1987 but received no contracts.

One reason the Europeans have done poorly is that funding for the programme itself has fallen short of original estimates.

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Dr Orman says access to secret information has been a serious problem for British industry in bidding on SDI work, since the nature of the projects themselves is highly classified. However, access has improved since Britain signed the memorandum on SDI research with the US in late 1985.

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Funding for the 1988-89 fiscal year is \$3.6 billion, the largest appropriation so far, but well below the estimated \$5 billion annually planned when Reagan announced the programme in 1983.

Other principal reasons the allies have been participating only on the edges of SDI research include the complexity of the US bureaucracy, the politics of defence contracts, and the reluctance of the US Congress and the Pentagon to share sensitive defence technologies with allies.

"It's a good strategy for the SDI office to go out and get the best science and technology they can where the allies can make a contribution," Daalder says. But he said it would be difficult to bring the allies on such a sensitive and ambitious programme.

"If you're going to work on the most advanced project ever conceived, you're not going to share the technology with allies where it could slip into Soviet hands."

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"While I can't say it now physically prevents UK industries from bidding which it did at one time, it's a source of constant concern, and some irritation," Orman says.

Britain's efforts to secure a share of SDI money have been second to none. With a full-time staff of some two dozen experts, some extremely familiar with the US bureaucracy, the SDI participation office in the Ministry of Defence has facilitated the signing of more than 60 contracts. Although these include leading British universities and most of the major British weapons and aerospace companies, only a few have gained a significant share of the work. They include Ferranti Ltd., teamed up with Martin Marietta Corporation, and Culham Laboratories of the UK Atomic Energy Authority, partnered with Grumman Aerospace Corporation.

Contributions

Despite the low dollar value of British contracts, estimated by the Defence Ministry at about \$65 million, Orman contends that Britain, unlike other allies, has contributed to make across the full range of SDI research. And he says that British companies are ahead of US companies in certain key fields such as fibre optics and test-bed technologies for computer simulations of defence systems. "We've been involved in all the technologies of the SDI programme for 20 years."

Since the US Congress and the Pentagon dislike awarding lucrative defence contracts to foreign companies, Orman counsels British industries to join in partnership with US companies in the bidding process. Even with this approach, it has not been easy to open doors.

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about half the size of Lebanon, much of which is not suitable for cultivation.

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but when the colonialists came Brunei shrank. Brunei became a British protectorate in 1906 and won its independence on Dec 31, 1983.

Tax

The country has no income tax, gasoline is cheap and there are no major taxes on cars, which are imported from Japan and elsewhere. Diplomats estimate foreign reserves at \$20 billion.

The sultan has powers to detain and hold without trial anyone deemed to be a threat to the security of the nation. On July 14, the government released 34 such detainees, leaving just six still in custody.

Diplomats say there appears to be no long-term threat to Brunei's economy as the 120,000 barrels of oil being pumped daily is expected to last "well into the next century."

Brunei is officially known as Brunei Darussalam.

Darussalam means abode of peace "and there is indeed peace here," said a diplomat, who added "they could have added prosperity to it."

Unrest clouds Brazil's future

By Lisa Genasch

RIODEJANEIRO, Brazil (AP): Regina Rocha has a picture-postcard view every day. From her home she can look out at famed Sugar Loaf Mountain at the entrance to Rio de Janeiro's Guanabara Bay, the towering Christ of Corcovado with outstretched arms overlooking the city and the luxury apartments far below on the Atlantic Ocean.

But Regina Rocha is poor and her home is sour-smelling, one-room wooden shack beside a sewage ditch. She lives in one of the hundreds of slums known as Favelas on the hillsides and outskirts of the city.

Rocha, 38, and her four children are typical of millions of Brazilians in the slums, trapped between the poverty and despair of Brazil's underdevelopment and the prosperity of a small influential elite.

Unrest is growing in the Favelas like hers, and authorities and academics say it poses a threat to Brazil's 3-year-old civilian government.

Crime and violence, often drug-related, are on the rise, and some officials say a type of "civil war" already exists between the traditionally complacent slum dwellers and the shrinking middle and upper classes.

Battle

In Rio, protesting residents of the huge Rocinha hillside Favela, population 250,000, twice this year blocked the main road connecting downtown to wealthy residential beach districts and battled police.

"This is the beginning of informal civil war between slum dwellers and Brazil's elite," mayor Roberto Saturnino Braga of Rio de Janeiro said in an interview. "Poverty and social injustice are at the root of the new violence."

Sen. Afonso Arinos de Melo Franco, a former cabinet minister and widely respected as Brazil's elder statesman, recently told the congress in Brasilia, "we are seeing a new and special type of urban warfare. It is based on neither ideology nor religion, but on empty violence."

On paper, Brazil has the West-

tern world's eighth-largest economy, behind Italy and above Spain. But according to the World Bank, income distribution is the most unequal anywhere. The 1 per cent richest Brazilians own as much as the poorest 50 per cent together, while 65 per cent of the 144 million population lives in misery on the equivalent of less than \$90 monthly, according to government figures.

The roots of inequality in Brazil go back 400 years, when the Portuguese crown handed out huge tracts of land to trusted officers and created an elite class of landowners.

Split

But the split deepened during the "economic miracle" of rapid growth in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The military government then in power decided the best way to encourage development was to "concentrate the wealth" in the hands of the upper classes, and the gap between rich and poor widened.

The gap is perhaps most evident in Rio, Brazil's second-largest city with 10 million people.

Over the past 30 years, Rio has lost the federal capital to Brasilia and banks and industry to Sao Paulo, the nation's largest city. Rio today can't generate enough jobs or revenues to attend its population, and slums have nearly tripled in size since 1960.

Slums

Today, an estimated 2 million people live in 450 illegal shantytowns built on the slopes of steep hills that jut up through the city. About 4 million more live in slums on the city's outskirts, most of them unemployed migrants from the drought-prone northeast.

The picture is similar in other Brazilian cities. In Sao Paulo, Brazil's economic and industrial centre, at least 7.5 million of the 13 million inhabitants live in precarious conditions. Nationwide, 71 per cent of Brazilians have no running water, while 85 per cent are not hooked up to sewage lines, according to government figures.

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PEOPLE

By Philip Pulella

Rome's paparazzi gain recognition at last

Out of the gutter... and into the gallery

ROME. (Reuters): Italy's "paparazzi," the notorious street photographers who exposed the secret affairs of movie stars during the heyday of Rome's Dolce Vita, have finally won respectability.

For years the paparazzi suffered abuse and often violence from the stars they hounded. But now a major exhibition in Venice has credited them with changing the rules of photo-reporting.

The paparazzi first burst on the scene in 1958. At night on Rome's now legendary Via Veneto, American movie stars, deposed kings, and the residue of Italian nobility frolicked and held court at the sidewalk cafes. Some didn't want their pictures taken and those who did rushed to pose at the mere sight of a camera.

Tazio Secchiari, the photographer who was the inspiration for much of Federico Fellini's 1960 film *La Dolce Vita* (The Sweet Life), discovered that editors paid him more for "surprise pictures."

An angry movie star using a newspaper to cover the face of a woman who was not his wife was worth three times as much as one with a broad smile.

Secchiari, who along with his friends developed the tactics to bring the stars to life, says the *Dolce Vita* was born on the night between August 14 and 15, 1958.

That night he and his "accomplices" immortalized Egypt's deposed king Farouk overturning a table, Tony Franciosa punching a photographer who had caught him dining with Ava Gardner in a nightclub, and a two-fisted Anthony Steel lurching at a lensman while the blonde, buxom Anita Ekberg waited in a car.

The pictures caused a journalistic sensation. They were so unlike the glossy publicity stills the movie studios spoon-fed to newspapers. Photo editors clamored for more.

Fellini, who was already toying with the idea for a film about the cafe society, took Secchiari and his friends to dinner. He grilled them about their work. He took mental notes.

"Practically, we invented *La Dolce Vita*," Secchiari, now 63, said in an interview with Reuters. "But had it not been



Ex-paparazzo Elio Sorci describes his greatest scoop: exclusive photographs showing the off-the-screen romance between Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor during the filming of *Cleopatra* in Rome in 1962

for a true artist like Fellini it would have died on the pages of Italian newspapers."

Apart from the *Via Veneto* sequences, Secchiari's true experiences gave Fellini the ideas for two other major parts of the film: a striptease party of the bored Roman aristocracy and mass hysteria caused by two imaginative children who convinced an entire town they had seen the Madonna.

The name Fellini chose for the character based on Secchiari in the film — paparazzo — gave the new-style photographers a name now found in dictionaries.

"The immense success of the film flooded *Via Veneto* with photographers and small-time actresses seeking each other and tourists seeking them both," Secchiari said.

The real *Dolce Vita* moved

indoors while the pretenders imitated the film out on the street.

The hard-core paparazzi perfected their cloak-and-dagger techniques and sought sensational scoops, usually working solo, with months of painstaking groundwork.

Thus did Elio Sorci become one of the world's most celebrated photographers in April 1962.

Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton were in Rome — then known as Hollywood on the Tiber — filming the epic *Cleopatra*.

A tipster in the studios confirmed to him rumours that Burton and Taylor — both married to others at the time — were involved in an off-the-set romance.

Sorci knew from domestic staff at the Taylor villa that her marriage to singer Eddie Fisher was on the rocks. He used months of detective work to get photographic proof.

The result was world exclusive pictures of Taylor and Burton eating at a restaurant in a Roman countryside, returning in a car from a secret picnic, and kissing off the set.

In April, 1962 the New York Daily News ran Sorci's photos for two days on the front pages and the entire centrefolds with headlines: "Liz and Burton romp in Rome" and "Liz and Richard drive off together and Eddie takes a back seat."

Scoop

"What interested me was a journalistic scoop, to get it alone no matter how much time it took," Sorci, now 56, said in an interview. "I considered it my business to take pictures in places where photographers were not allowed."

"What we did, without knowing it at the time, was begin a new era in photo-journalism," he said.

Sorci, who was 30 at the time and is now semi-retired, became a celebrity in his own right, earning a full page profile in the US media magazine *Editor and Publisher*.

The 100-photo exhibition in Venice's Palazzo Fortuny, open until December, is a tribute to Secchiari, Sorci and three other famous paparazzi.

A publicity release calls it: "The first scientific recognition of the phenomenon of paparazzi, Italian photographers who in the 1950s characterized our history of photography and culture in general because of the sociological and political implications of their transgressions."

Sorci, who thinks today's photographers too often work in packs, offers a more street-wise definition.

"A paparazzo is a young, carefree, happy man who earns his daily bread by putting other people into difficulty and doesn't mind the risk."



Gregorio Fuentes, skipper of Hemingway's yacht 'El Pilar' stands by a bust of the American novelist still revered in Cuba.

Hemingway's old man remembers

By Gilles Trequesser

COJIMAR, Cuba. (Reuters): He is a very old man who lives by the sea and shared with Ernest Hemingway many of the fishing exploits that inspired the author.

As skipper of Hemingway's yacht *El Pilar* and a life-long friend, Gregorio Fuentes is probably the Cuban who best knew the American novelist, still revered in Cuba 27 years after his death.

The old skipper turned 90 this year but his memories of "papa", as he and most Cubans fondly called Hemingway, remain crisp.

Fuentes recalled the day "probably around 1950" when Hemingway got the idea for *The Old Man and the Sea*, the tale of an ageing fisherman's indomitable courage. Published in 1952, it helped Hemingway to win the Nobel prize for literature two years later.

"Did you see that boat?" Fuentes asked as they sailed near Cabanas, a port 60 km (40 miles) west of Havana.

"There was an old fisherman, with a young boy at his side. The man was struggling to get a blue marlin out of the

water and shouted at us to go away."

"Later, he told me: 'I am going to write a book on that scene and you can help me a lot.'"

Sitting in a battered armchair in the living room of his modest house in this fishing village, 11 km (seven miles) east of downtown Havana, Fuentes recalled his first encounter with Hemingway in 1925.

"It was on Dry Tortuga, the US key (island) closest to Cuba, after a storm. He was with several other people and had run aground."

"We gave them food and towed their boat back to Key West. He told me, in fluent Spanish, 'See you in Cuba.' But I thought nothing of it."

Three years later, in 1928, Hemingway paid his first 48-hour visit to Cuba. Later, it would become his home.

Fuentes by then had gone on merchant ships to Europe and Africa, but the wiry sailor, born in the Canary Islands, returned to his adopted homeland in 1935.

"From 1936, I began to work as skipper of the *Pilar*. We used to go out fishing two, three times a week. He said he needed

it to clean up his mind from so much writing. He always wrote at night," Fuentes said.

"We were never at sea for more than 28 consecutive days, because he had to pay the monthly rent of the house," he went on, a twinkle in his deep-set brown eyes, lighting up his weather-beaten face.

La Vigia, the country retreat just outside Havana that Hemingway's third wife Martha found for the author and for which he paid \$18,000 in cash in 1940, is now a museum.

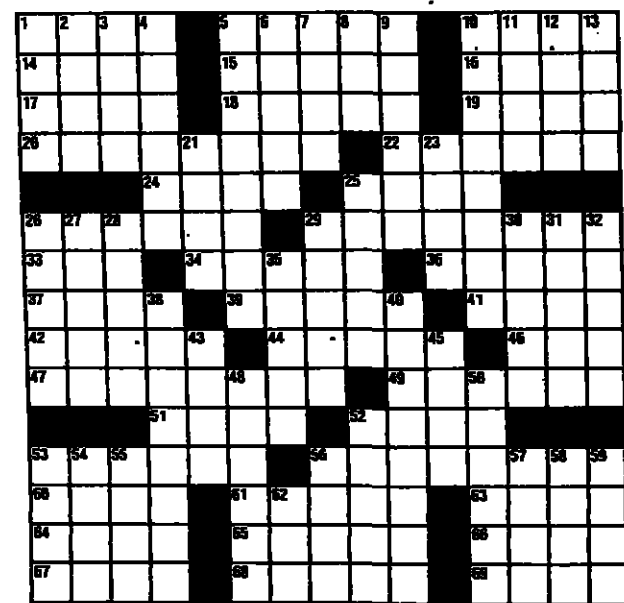
Some 20,000 tourists each year visit to see the novelist's typewriter, books and the table set for dinner.

Apart from La Vigia, Hemingway remains a pervasive presence on an island he came to love for his deep-sea fishing, strong beer, renowned rum and warm climate.

West of Havana, a modern marina, with a hotel, restaurants and boutiques for hard currency tourists, bears his name.

Tourists flock to the downtown Florida and Bodeguita del medio bars where he used to sip daiquiris and mojitos, the national drink of rum, lime, sugar and mint.

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
SUCCESSFUL OPERATION, DEAD PATIENT

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q J 4
♥ 5
♦ Q 8 6 5 2
♣ Q J 7 5

WEST
♠ A 9 5
♥ 4 2
♦ K J 9
♣ K 10 9 3 2

EAST
♠ 10 8 7 3 2
♥ 10 7 6 3
♦ A
♣ A 6 4

SOUTH
♠ K 6
♥ A K Q J 9 8
♦ 10 7 4 3
♣ 8

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 1 NT Pass
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Jack of ♦

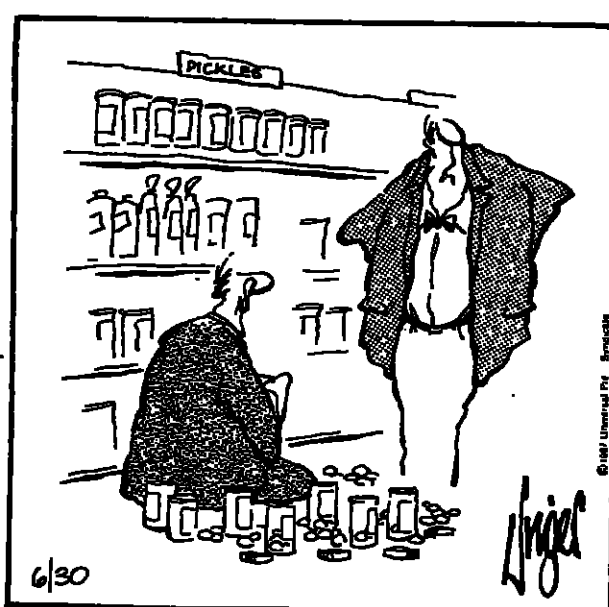
Most deceptive plays are made by declarer—after all, it does not matter if the dummy hasn't the foggiest idea of the real life of the cards, but there are two defenders who might be fooled. Obviously, a defender takes a chance when he tries a falsecard; declarer knows his assets, but it is the defender's partner who could be led down the primrose path.

Where South found his rebid of

four hearts we will never know. We can only presume that he was dazzled by his 100 honors. However, his bidding so impressed West that, rather than conduct a normal defense, he got off to the fanciful lead of the jack of diamonds.

Declarer covered with the queen and East won the ace. Back came a low spade to declarer's king, and West elected to hold up one round. Since drawing trumps would make the hand an open book, declarer simply fired back a spade. West won, cashed the king of diamonds and, when his partner discarded a spade, he continued with the nine. Instead of ruffing for the setting trick, East let go another spade! Declarer won, drew trumps and claimed the rest of the tricks for his contract.

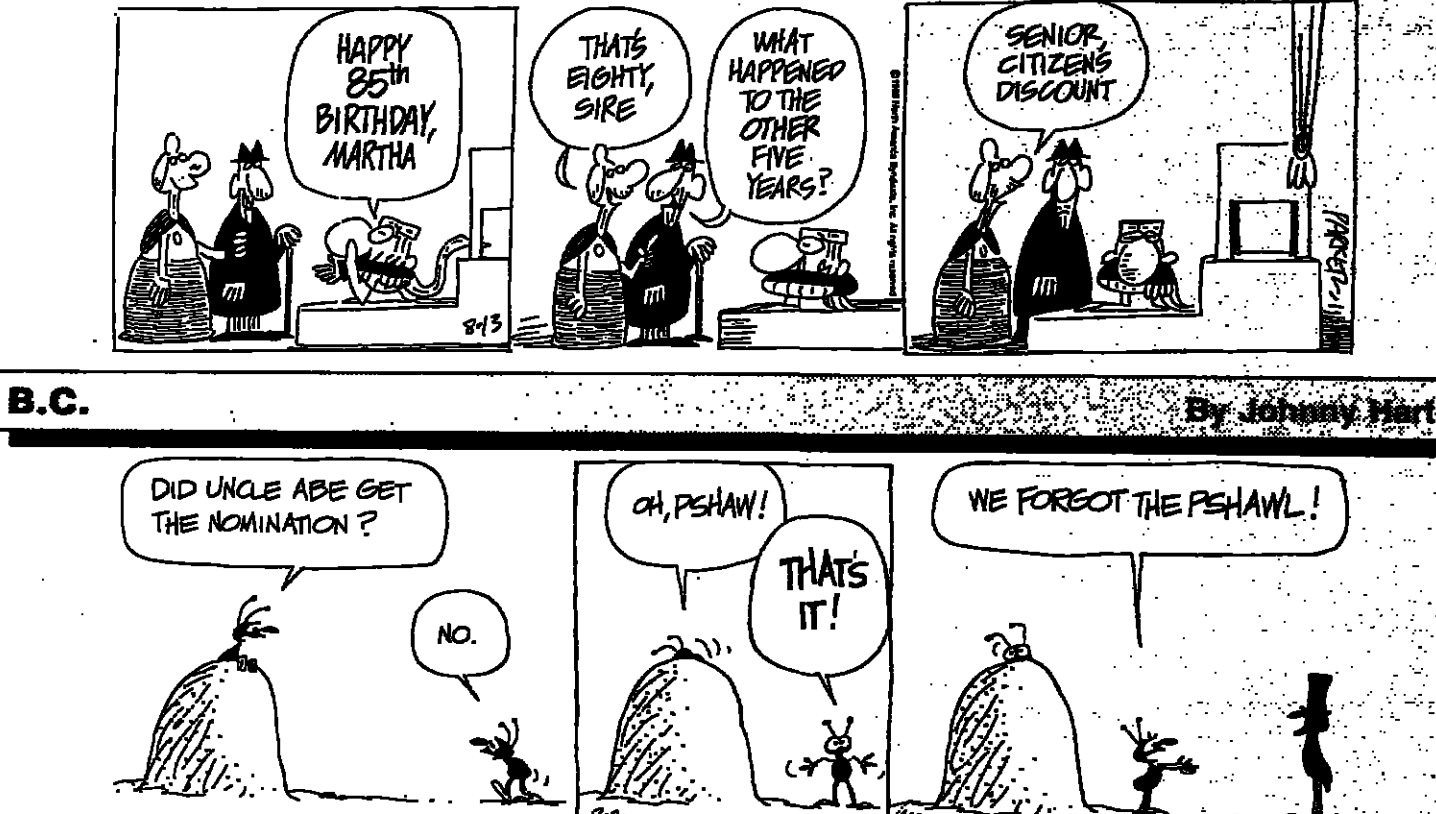
Why didn't East ruff the third diamond? Because West's deceptive opening lead had succeeded admirably. East could not believe that his partner would lead the jack without holding the ten, so he presumed that partner's nine was simply showing the bottom of a sequence headed K-J-10-9. There is some sort of rough justice, after all, to the potential disastrous consequences of a falsecard.



"When I told you to count the pickled onions"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brent Parker and Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The general situation is good but there are some small clouds on the horizon. You must deal with them before they gather. Do not confuse work with leisure. Be positive.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be able to put a newly acquired skill to good use. You should avoid dwelling too much on your dreams. Make sure you do not overtake yourself. Be considerate.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will find it easier to make up your mind. You should not allow a certain amount of success to go to your head. Make sure you do not fall short of what you have promised to deliver. Be reliable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not allow yourself to live in the past. You should confront the situation calmly and with confidence. You will be able to attain some positive results. Be aware of change.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

This is going to be a most interesting day for you. You should make sure that you do not leave for another day what should be done now. Do not lose sight of your objectives. Be tactful.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will find it a little hard to see clearly through a confusion of indications. You should avoid being jealous of what someone else deserves and you do not. Think and look ahead. Be lenient.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You should make sure that you do not retire too much into yourself. You will be able to solve a problem that has been troubling you. If you are learning a new skill persevere. Be resilient.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Do not allow yourself to be possessed by negative thoughts. You will be able to make good progress with something that has been stagnant of late. Your intuitions are likely to lead you astray so watch it. Be a little more optimistic.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be able to deal with a problem that has been troubling you. Others will be more inclined to listen to you. You should have a little more patience. Be conciliatory.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will be able to sort out some confusion and this will make things a lot easier. Do not be too quick to pass an opinion. Nor should you be too critical. Be hopeful.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You should make sure you do not lose time pursuing some secondary object. Try to adopt a more steady rhythm of work. Make sure you get enough regular exercise. Be amenable.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Your mood will have its ups and downs but you will be able to control yourself. The situation is better than it has been of late. Do not allow a project to fall behind. Be cheerful.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

World oil demand continues to increase

LONDON, Sept 12, (KUNA): World oil demand has continued to increase this year despite a loss of momentum earlier in the year, according to a report issued here today.

So far this year demand has increased by some 500,000 barrels a day (BPD) in the leading industrialised nations, and by up to 900,000 BPD in the whole non-communist world, said the New York-based Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW).

"Thanks to the unexpected rise in oil sales early in the year, experts expect 1988 demand growth of about 2 per cent," noted PIW, which is widely read here.

In the first half of this year, demand for oil increased by 552,000 BPD compared with 1987 in the US, Japan, West Germany, France, Italy and the UK. These six countries account for about 60 per cent of the total demand from the non-communist countries, the weekly added.

"The strength in oil demand is due mainly to faster than expected economic growth in Japan and the US, but lower oil prices this year may also be starting to play a role," commented PIW.

Demand for gasoline and other transport fuels remains "on a steady upward path," while the rise in heavy fuel oil sales to Japan, the US and the UK is "the biggest surprise," the newsletter concluded.

New oil find in Bombay offshore area

NEW DELHI, Sept 12: Oil has been discovered in yet another new structure R-10 in the Bombay offshore area, the Petroleum Minister, Braham Dutt, announced last week.

The discovery was made on August 23 in the new structure that lay 15 kms south of the Ratna oil field. The well on the structure flowed at the rate of 2,227 barrels of oil and 22,120 cubic metres of gas per day, said Dutt.

Describing the new find as "happy news," Dutt said, oil also flowed from the Cauvery offshore well PY-3-2 located in Port Novo area, 55 kms north east of Nagapattinam. Oil flowed at the rate of 1,000 barrels per day and this could increase.

The minister also announced that oil and gas had been discovered in two wells, SD-1, and SD-4 in the Daman offshore. The well SD-1 flowed oil at the rate of 1025 barrels per day and gas at the rate of 2,200 cubic metres per day.

Daman offshore area, Dutt said, had been established as a highly prospective area. It was intended to start production from this area by the end of the Seventh Plan.

Referring to the discovery made by Oil India in western Rajasthan, he said, Tanot well number one, located about 145 kms from Jaisalmer, close to the Indo-Pakistan border, gas flowed at the rate of 45,000 cubic metres per day.

It was proposed to drill five more exploratory wells in the remaining period of the Seventh Plan.

Ecuador will seek higher oil quota

QUITO, Sept 12, (Reuters): Energy Minister Diego Tamariz said Ecuador will appeal to OPEC for a higher oil production quota because the country faces an economic crisis.

"Considering the gravity of the economic crisis that the country faces, we shall have to make this type of request," Tamariz told reporters.

He did not say when Ecuador would ask for a higher quota or how much the country would request.

OPEC last year allowed Ecuador to raise its quota to 311,000 barrels per day (BPD) from 211,000 so that it could repay oil borrowed from Venezuela and Nigeria after an earthquake ripped apart Ecuador's main pipeline, suspending oil exports for five months.

Ecuador has since repaid the 12.5 million barrels it borrowed from Venezuela and half the 1.5 million barrels borrowed from Nigeria.

Government officials say Ecuador, which relies on oil for two-thirds of its export income, has lost around \$3 billion in foreign exchange over the past three years due to the effects of the earthquake and low oil prices.

IMF annual meeting draws near

US economy still humming

WASHINGTON, Sept 12, (Reuters): Despite doomsayers' worries about budget and trade deficits, US officials enter this autumn's round of international financial meetings satisfied that the world's largest economy is performing remarkably well.

"People generally think things are on track. They're happy, one US official said. He was summing up the mood among Reagan administration economic policymakers as they prepare for the annual meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in West Berlin next week.

After growing a bit too fast for comfort in the first half of the year, the US economy by most evidence is slowing down to a more sustainable rate this quarter.

Officials say inflation, though rising, is not getting out of hand. And the dollar is no longer a big worry now that it has fallen back from currency market peaks it scaled a month ago.

The administration has striven to keep the economy humming to buttress Vice-President George

Bush's bid to win the November 8 presidential election on a platform of peace and prosperity.

The game plan has gone better than officials dared to hope at the start of the year, when the spectre of recession still lingered in the aftermath of last October's stock market crash.

Powered by exports and capital spending, the economy grew at an impressive rate of 3.4 per cent in the first three months of 1988 and 3.3 per cent in the second quarter.

Because the economy has the capacity to grow only by about 2.5 per cent a year without generating inflation, the US Federal Reserve (central bank) started tightening credit gradually in February.

It underlined its anti-inflationary resolve by raising the discount rate by half a percentage point to 6.5 per cent on August 9.

The monetary fine-tuning seems to be paying off.

Although producer prices rose 0.6 per cent in August, the financial markets took comfort from the fact that, excluding the

volatile categories of food and energy, the core wholesale inflation rate was just 0.3 per cent.

"I don't think that the heat under the pot is as hot as it might have looked a couple of weeks ago," Fed Governor John Lawrance said last week.

In a vote of confidence by the bond market in the Fed, long-term bond yields have actually fallen about half a percentage point since early August to around nine per cent.

Jacob Dreyer, chief economist at the Investment Company Institute, believes the economy, which has already notched up almost six years of uninterrupted growth, will continue to expand for quite a while.

There is nothing in the cards that will indicate a recession or a downturn, Dreyer, a former senior official at the congressional budget office, said.

Administration and Fed economists are particularly pleased at the mix of growth, with exports booming at a 30 per cent annual rate and inflation-adjusted domestic demand growth slowing from 3.7 per cent in 1986 to

three per cent in 1987 and less than 1.5 per cent in the first half of 1988.

A slowdown in domestic demand was one of the main pledges that the United States made to its partners in the Group of Seven — Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy — as part of the February 1987 Louvre accord.

When Nicholas Brady, assuming he is confirmed in time by the Senate as Treasury Secretary to succeed James Baker, takes stock with his G-7 colleagues in West Berlin, he will also be able to point to cuts in the US budget and trade deficits.

Progress

The federation deficit has come down to around \$150 billion from \$221 billion in fiscal year 1986, and in relation to the size of the US economy is now smaller than the average of the 24 countries in the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development, economists say.

The merchandise trade deficit, measured on a seasonally adjusted balance-of-payments basis, shrank to about \$30 billion in the

second quarter of 1988 from nearly \$40 billion in the same three months of 1987.

Economists welcome this clear progress, but warn that the easiest cuts have been made.

Without tough political decisions by the new president, the budget deficit will remain stuck on the \$150 billion plateau and, unless the economy slows dramatically to curb imports, it will be difficult to get the monthly trade deficit much below \$10 billion, many say.

Moreover, with US foreign debt growing and interest rates rising, service payments are likely to put increasing pressure on the current account.

The IMF projects the US current account deficit will narrow only slightly in 1989 to \$134.7 billion from an estimated \$138.8 billion this year.

If the improvement in the trade accounts were to stall, some economists fear the financial markets, which have bid the dollar up for most of the year, could become disenchanted and leave Brady with a fresh currency crisis on his hands.

US bankers expect bigger role in huge market for Japanese bonds

NEW YORK, Sept 12: Japan's long-awaited steps to open further its government bond market to foreign underwriters could increase significantly the participation of foreign investment banks in that huge market, US bankers say.

The issue has been a major bone of contention with other governments and financial institutions. In the US, the measures also could help remove a congressional threat to the ability of Japan's big securities firms to act as primary dealers in US government securities the Wall Street has reported.

But the virtues of competition seem to have taken hold in Tokyo at least as strongly as threats of US sanctions.

System

A newly instituted price auction system "is to our benefit as issuers," said Eisuke Sakakibara, director of the government debt division of the Ministry of Finance's finance bureau, which hammered out the new measures.

"This was not a reaction to US pressure," Sakakibara said. "Our original idea was to respond (to the US) just by increasing the shares of foreign under-

writers, and to follow that later by the auction on our own initiative." At some point, the two ideas were combined, he says.

Reaction in the US to the Japanese announcement was mostly positive. But some bankers, noting that Japanese market practices are often different from what they appear, said they would take a look-and-see attitude. E. Gerald Corrigan, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and David C. Mulford, the US Assistant Treasury Secretary for international affairs, both praised the Japanese moves.

"When viewed against the backdrop of prior actions, this is a strong reaffirmation of the commitment of Japanese officials toward more open financial markets and the liberalisation of yen markets," said Corrigan in a prepared statement. "These moves will provide important new competitive opportunities to US and other foreign market participants in Japan. The moves also will further increase the efficiency of the Japanese government bond market," he added.

The Japanese government

bond market is the second-largest in the world after that for US government securities.

The Finance Ministry said that, beginning April 1, the government will sell 40 per cent of each issue of 10-year bonds by soliciting competitive price bids from members of the Japanese underwriting syndicate. The remaining 60 per cent will be distributed to the syndicate's members under fixed allocations, which is the current practice.

Under the current system, 20 per cent of the monthly issue of 10-year bonds are offered under a much more restrictive form of tender.

Under the new system, the ministry and the syndicate will negotiate on a coupon rate for a coming bond issue. Then the ministry will accept bids from underwriters that specify the amount of bonds they want and the price they are willing to pay.

The ministry said foreign underwriters' fixed share of the syndicated portion of each bond offering will be increased to almost 8 per cent from 2.5 per cent, effective Oct 1. In addition, foreign firms will be allowed to become "co-managers" in the syndicate.

Japan's trade surplus and its imbalance with US narrow

TOKYO, Sept 12, (Reuters): Japan's worldwide trade surplus and its imbalance with the United States both narrowed in August, surprising economists who had predicted they would grow.

The country's trade surplus dropped to \$4.94 billion in August from \$5.15 billion in the same month last year as surging imports overwhelmed a rise in exports.

Japan's surplus with the United States also fell for the eighth straight month to \$3.25 billion in August from \$3.73 billion a year earlier.

US Commerce Secretary William Verity told reporters in Tokyo the US trade deficit with Japan, \$60 billion last year, is likely to fall by \$7 to \$10 billion this year as long as present trends continue.

Agreement

Verity also said a US-Japan free-trade agreement was not the best way to solve the two countries' trade squabbles.

"I am not sure that a free-trade agreement is the answer right now," he said.

He said he thought a multilateral approach was best. Washington and Tokyo have begun to explore having a pact as a way to find comprehensive

solutions to trade disputes.

Imports to Japan in August were up 27.3 per cent compared to a year earlier while exports grew 18.2 per cent. Economists said imports were likely to continue strong in the near future, helping to deflate the surplus further.

I think the Japanese figure will continue to fall until the end of this fiscal year (on March 31, 1989), said economist Soichi Enkyo at the Bank of Tokyo.

Surprising

This was a surprising figure. We did not expect domestic demand to be so strong," he added.

Economists said the major structural changes that have swept Japan following the yen's three-year appreciation were now beginning to bear fruit in the form of ballooning imports.

"Inexpensive imports are now starting to come through the distribution system and reach the shops cheaper than Japanese goods," added Enkyo.

"It is clear evidence of continuing strong economic activity in Japan," said David Pike, economist at UBS Phillips and Drew International Ltd. "There is strong demand for raw materials from industry and strong consumer demand."

Slumping oil prices a boon for Tokyo

Japan, Indonesia show way out of world debt crisis

JAKARTA, Sept 12, (Reuters): While the United States and Latin American nations argue about how to cope with the mountains of Third World debt, Japan and Indonesia are quietly showing them how it can be done.

The world's biggest creditor country and Asia's biggest debtor have forged at times an uneasy partnership to allow Jakarta to put its economy back into shape without rescheduling its \$50 billion in foreign loans.

"At this time, it works well," National Planning Minister Saleh Affif told Reuters in a recent interview.

The partnership has allowed Indonesia to do something its fellow Latin American debtors still dream of — replace costly commercial bank credits with cheap government loans from Japan.

In June, Japan announced plans to extend Indonesia the

equivalent of \$2.3 billion in loans in 1988/89, nearly double the amount it gave last year. The package's \$1.4 billion in aid loans carry a low interest rate of 2.7 per cent and do not have to be fully paid back for 30 years.

Much of the money will be disbursed quickly and will effectively be used by Indonesia to pay some \$1 billion in principle and interest on bank loans in 1988, bankers said.

Debt

Jakarta will pay off the remaining principle on a 10 billion yen bond next month, three years ahead of schedule.

Indonesia has been able to get away with this partly because it has followed the economic prescriptions laid down by the World Bank and has not defaulted on its loans.

"Indonesia is the good boy," said one foreign banker. "That's the reward."

The banker said that Jakarta's

debt is trading at around 100 cents on the dollar in the secondary market where banks swap Third World loans, while Mexico's is trading at about half that.

Jakarta has played by the rules partly because it went through a debt crisis before — in 1974 with state-owned oil company Pertamina — and learned from it, bankers said.

Led by the so-called Berkeley Mafia of US-trained technocrats, Indonesia has avoided the huge government budget deficits that plague many Latin American debtors and has acted to deregulate its economy in order to increase exports.

"The World Bank is preaching to the converted," said one foreign banker.

The World Bank, with its emphasis on long-term economic development, is a more sympathetic overseer than the International Monetary Fund (IMF), bankers said.

The fund has clashed with several Latin American debtor nations after being called in to police their economies.

In Jakarta's case, the IMF has suggested that external debt be frozen at current levels while the World Bank has only called for a cut in the growth of that debt, bankers said. Not surprisingly, Indonesia has opted to follow the latter advice.

Indonesia may also be having a bit easier time because much of its debts are owed to governments and multilateral lending agencies, rather than to profit-oriented commercial banks.

Factors

Japanese diplomats said strategic factors played a big role in Tokyo's decision to lend \$2.3 billion for the year ending next March. Indonesia controls the Straits of Malacca, which links Japan with the Middle East.

And fortunately for Indonesia, Japan has more money than

the United States and is anxious to lend it, bankers said.

Tokyo also seems less dogmatic on the debt question than does the Reagan administration, which has rejected any hint of assuming the risks of US banks' loans to Latin America.

Japan may feel some responsibility to help Indonesia because Jakarta's debt problems have largely resulted from the yen's steep rise over the past three years, bankers added.

Appreciation

"The appreciation of the currency is hurting us quite a lot," Affif said. "Our debt portfolio is heavily yen while our earnings are dollars."

About 45 per cent of Indonesia's public debt is denominated yen. Its biggest export earner is oil, priced in dollars.

Slumping oil prices have been disastrous for Indonesia but have been a boon for Japan, which imports almost all its oil.

Analysts say performances relatively staid

Singapore banks facing uncertainty amid prosperity

SINGAPORE, Sept 12, Singapore's three biggest banks are either slipping into stagnation or poised for steady growth — depending on which analysts you ask.

Ambivalence about future growth at Development Bank of Singapore Ltd., United Overseas Bank Ltd. and Overseas-Chinese Banking Corp. is reflected in their share prices. Although the country's economy is booming — gross domestic product (GDP) grew 11 per cent in the first six months of 1988 from the same period last year — the banks generally have lagged the stock market, reports the Wall Street Journal.

The Straits Times Industrial Index has appreciated about 30 per cent this year, climbing from

823.58 on Dec 30, 1987, to just over 1000. But DBS, the country's leading bank, has seen its share price rise only 9 per cent since the end of last year.

The shares of its chief competitor, UOB, rose 11 per cent to \$34.96 from \$34.48. OCBC's shares climbed 20 per cent to \$37.75 from \$36.45, but that rise still fell short of the overall market's gains.

To some extent, the market's ambivalence is due to brighter prospects in other sectors and analysts' preoccupation with accelerating quarterly profit growth. And few would argue that the three institutions are in any danger of an imminent drop in profits.

Nevertheless, there is little doubt that despite great fun-

damental strength, the steep earnings gains of the late 70s and early 80s are over, and Singapore's banks face real challenges in discovering avenues for growth.

"Banking stocks have been labelled boring performers due to the common view that the industry is maturing," Lim Kok Ann, an analyst for Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith (Singapore) Pte., wrote in a recent report on the industry.

Though banking profits have generally turned around since the recession of 1985-1986, they aren't expected to show spectacular growth over the next few years, hence their relatively staid performances.

The problems the big three banks face are clear. There are

few growth prospects in the highly competitive local market, and equally fierce competition from international giants also makes foreign growth prospects difficult.

On the plus side, however, analysts point to strong balance sheets. "Singapore has three of the world's five strongest banks in terms of capital-asset ratios" and excellent asset quality, says Lim.

Other analysts point to the benefits of the rapidly expanding regional economy on potential loan growth and add that there is even room to expand in the local market at the expense of foreign banks, which presently account for some 50 per cent of Singapore's total banking business.

As the country's largest bank

in terms of assets, loans and deposits, DBS should be poised to exploit those possibilities.

The bank's top position is related to the fact that it is once government-owned and is still government-controlled through a 46.7 per cent stake.

Besides the considerable advantage of being known as the bank of choice for the country's public sector, DBS is well positioned for lucrative official business.

Apart from its government connection, DBS also has other advantages that have made it the premier banking group in Singapore in recent years. Its management is "more modern and aggressive" than at its competitors, says an analyst for a UK brokerage.

World Business Summary

Iran economic talks constructive, says Ozal

ANKARA, Sept 12, (Reuters): Turkish State Minister Yusuf Ozal said in Tehran today he had constructive talks with Iranian officials and that economic ties between the two countries were likely to improve. "Before going to Iran, I was not expecting much but the talks have been very useful and constructive results were achieved," the Anatolian news agency quoted Ozal as saying at the end of a four-day visit. "I believe our economic and commercial co-operation with Iran, which were already good before the Gulf war, will now be much better."

Ozal, accompanied by a 137-member delegation, arrived in Tehran last Friday to boost economic co-operation after last month's Gulf war ceasefire. Turkey, which borders both Iran and Iraq, remained neutral in the eight-year conflict. Ozal, brother of Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, met Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Mossein Mousavi, parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and other officials. He said Turkey hoped to increase co-operation with Iran and Pakistan under terms of an economic co-operation pact, adding: "Studies are continuing for a preferential trade system."

He suggested on Saturday that Turkish and Iranian firms should form joint ventures for vehicle production and in other fields. Turkey and Iran have plans to build a pipeline to take oil from southwest Iran to Turkey's Mediterranean coast and agreed in August to build a power plant in Turkey and share its output. Trade between the two countries was worth \$1.69 billion in 1987, including Turkish imports from Iran, mainly oil, worth 1.15 billion.

IFC exploring underwriting stocks of Third World firms

WASHINGTON, Sept 12, (Reuters): A World Bank affiliate is exploring the possibility of underwriting stocks of Third World manufacturing companies in the United States and Britain, bank officials said today. In a briefing to discuss the annual results of the International Finance Corporation, which helps promote free enterprise in developing countries, officials said talks with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) were going well and hoped permission could be obtained in the coming year. IFC executive Vice-President William Pyrie told reporters that in order to take on this new role the agency would have to get an exemption from some SEC rules governing disclosure. The IFC assists the formation of private companies through loans and by taking equity positions, has helped form a number of country investment funds to develop private enterprise. For the year ended June 30, the IFC said it approved 95 new investments totalling approximately \$1.3 billion an increase of 38 per cent over the previous year. The report said many countries are more willing to use free enterprise to fuel economic growth, an historic change from the past. The change in attitude is reflected in an increasingly liberal business environment, which has opened up new opportunities for domestic as well as foreign entrepreneurs, the report said. It said the outlook for the developing world was mixed. Prospects for the industrial countries, which are crucial to the overall health of the Third World, looked fairly good.

Japan to scrap restrictions on Iranian oil imports

TOKYO, Sept 12, (Reuters): Japan's trade ministry has decided to abolish its restrictions on Iranian oil imports from October, oil industry sources said today. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) in January set a 200,000 barrel per day (BPD) ceiling for Iranian oil imports following US calls for sanctions against Iran, the sources said. However US policy towards Iran is changing since the August 20 ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, and this shift has enabled MITI to relax its position, they said. "I think MITI has contacted the US government about this and somehow got a green light (to abolish the restrictions)," said one oil industry official. The end of the import restrictions is good news for both Iran and Japanese trading houses eager for construction contracts in Iran following the Gulf ceasefire. Cash-strapped Iran often prefers to pay its bills with oil. An INOC delegation is due to visit Japan later this month to discuss prices and volumes with customers who say they want price cuts of at least 30 cents a barrel.

Gulf GDP growth quickens

THE 1987 report of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry has said that Kuwait and the other five members of the Gulf Co-operation Council have made a gradual recovery from the stagnation caused by the 1984 oil price collapse. Rationing of resources, expenditure control and cuts in imports have helped the six GCC states lower the deficit in their current accounts. The deficit reached \$5 billion in 1984 and went up to \$8.3 billion in 1986 before it dropped to \$2.6 billion in 1987, the report said. Consequently, the GCC states witnessed economic stability in 1987 which was reflected in a favourable increase of the growth domestic product after years of setbacks, the report issued here today said. In 1987, oil revenue for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Oman were estimated at \$40 billion compared to \$32 billion in 1986 and half that figure in 1984. The report said growth domestic product of Kuwait grew by 2 per cent in 1987 after declining by 9.6 per cent in 1985 and around 15.6 per cent in 1986. On the other hand, the non-oil sector performance continued to make remarkable progress, with an increase of 7.5 per cent in 1986, a development which favourably affected this segment of the GDP from 50 per cent in 1985 to 63 per cent in 1986. The building and construction segment of Kuwait's economy was dormant during the period of review. Building and construction contributed only 0.5 per cent of GDP in 1987 compared to KD198 million the previous year. Wholesale and retail trade dropped by about KD30 million to KD470 million, the report said.

N. Yemen tests new oilfield

BAHRAIN, Sept 12, (Reuters): Tests are being carried out at a newly-discovered oilfield in the highland Ma'rib area of North Yemen to see if it is commercially viable, oil industry sources said today. It was found by the Yemen Hunt Oil Company (YHOC), a subsidiary of Dallas-based Hunt Oil Company, which first discovered oil in North Yemen in 1984. The sources said test production at the new As'ad Al Kamil field, about 15 km (10 miles) north of the Azal oilfield, was encouraging but it had not yet been not declared commercial. North Yemen, which started oil exports last December, has reserves estimated at around one billion barrels. It is now producing about 170,000 barrels per day (BPD). Oil from the Alif and Azal fields is fed into an export pipeline running from the Ma'rib area to Saleh on the Red Sea coast.

SABIC exports reached \$1.49b in '87

RIYADH, Sept 12, (OPECNA): The value of exports by the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) reached \$1.49 billion in 1987 from \$1.28 billion in 1986. This was contained in a published article in the official periodical of Petromin, the Saudi National Oil Company, by the Minister of Industry and Electricity Abdulaziz Al Zamil. Petromin has an active export programme which is implemented through its export refinery in the twin industrial cities of Jubail and Yanbu, according to the minister, who added that the value of exports by SABIC's affiliated industries reached \$280 million last year. Al Zamil said affiliated industries reached \$280 million last year. Petromin, the products included chemicals, plastics, metal, foodstuffs, textiles, paper and leather. He expressed confidence that Saudi exports which went to 65 countries last year, would increase further in future. According to Al Zamil, investment in the country's 2,000 operational factories has reached \$21.36 billion and annual sales now average \$6.67 billion, covering a major portion of domestic needs after exports.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON (Alpha Stocks)			LONDON (Beta Stocks)		
NAME	LAST	195/0	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LFE	301.0		2ND ALLCE	103/0	734/0
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ALD LYONS	393.0		A.AMER TS	349/0	351/0
AMSTRAD	202/0		A.B.ELECT	409/0	408/0
ARGYLL GP	170/0		A.S.-HLD	176/4	177/0
ASDA GP	150/0		AMB KENT	192/0	
BAA	56.00		AMB HLD	257/0	257/0
BAT INDS	432.0		ARNDSON	112/0	112/0
BARCLAYS	395.0		ADDITION	33/0	33/0
BAXEN	74.00		ADJUST	310/0	310/0
BEAZER	173/0		ALEXOR	126/0	361/0
BEECHAMS	463/0		ALLD COLL	123/0	125/0
BERISFORD	378/0		ALLD LR B	258/0	257/0
BIC PLC	342.0		ALLD LWB	116/0	116/0
BLUE ARROW	92.0		ALLD PLMT	53/0	53/0
BLUE CIRC	427.0		ALLIANCE	818/0	820/0
BOC GP	393/0		AMEC	347/0	348/0
BOOTS CO	201.0		AMER TST	125/0	125/0
BPB INDS	257/0		AMERIAN	572/0	572/0
BR COMM	223/0		AMH HLTHC	245/0	
BR AIRWAY	150/0		ANGLO OYS	166/0	167/0
BR AEROSP	480/0		ANGLO OYS	204/0	205/0
BR GAS RT	73.25		ANGLIA TV	166/0	167/0
BR LAND	314/0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
B.P.	239.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
B.P.PP	39.00		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
BR TELCOM	229/0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
BURMAN	504.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
BURTON	193.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
CABLE&AIR	360.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
CADBURYS	335.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
COATS VLY	206.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
COMN INT	329.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
COMS GOLD	013/0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
COOKSON	243.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
COURTAULD	300/0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
DALGETY	297/0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
DEE CP	163.5		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
DIXONS	151.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
ENG CHINA	475.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
ENTER OIL	437.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
FKI BADC	121/0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
FERRANTI	84.41		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
GEN ACCID	88.00		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
GEN ELEC	157.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
GLAXO	003.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
GRANADA	296/0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
GLOBE	138.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
GLYNED	285.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
GRAND NET	476.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
GUARD RYL	177/0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
GKN	310/0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
GUINNESS	312/0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
HANSON	618.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
HARRISON C	143.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
HICKER SID	620.0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
HILLSDOWN	498/0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0
ICI	003/0		ANGLIA TV	204/0	205/0

World Indices				
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1401.7	1398.5	1402.4	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	0	982.9	985.3	1052.0
FT ALL SHR	0	901.25	905.65	963.01
FT GOV SEC	86.67	86.60	86.62	87.92
FT GOLD MF	176.6	183.6	183.5	207.2
FT NINES F	0	513.05	515.25	517.46
FT OIL	0	1681.4	1687.3	1834.0
FT MLD DLR	123.79	123.72	123.77	126.05
FT MLD STG	108.15	108.12	107.43	109.51
FT MLD LOC	113.72	113.75	113.62	115.44

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS BELOW HIGHS IN LATE TRADING. LONDON, SEPT 12, REUTER - EQUITY PRICES WERE MOSTLY FIRMER BUT BELOW THE DAY'S HIGHEST IN THE LATE TRADING, WITH A BECALMED WALL STREET PROVIDING LITTLE NEW IMPETUS. DEALERS SAID NEWS THIS MORNING THAT AUGUST U.K. RETAIL SALES HAD GROWN WELL WITHIN EXPECTATIONS AT 0.5 PCT AFTER JULY'S ALARMING 2.4 PCT FALL, HELPED CALM SOME OF THE MARKET'S WORST FEARS ON INFLATION. HOWEVER, WITH A WHOLE SPATE OF ECONOMIC FIGURES OUT THIS WEEK FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC, TRADING IS LIKELY TO REMAIN CAUTIOUS. AT 1450 GMT, THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS 4.9 POINTS UP AT 1,743.3 AFTER TOUCHING 1,747.7. U.K. AUGUST OUTPUT PRICES ROSE AN UNADJUSTED 0.4 PCT, IN LINE WITH EXPECTATIONS AND HAD LITTLE IMPACT. DEALERS SAID NEWS THAT BARCLAYS BANK WAS RAISING ITS U.K. MORTGAGE RATE TO 13 PCT FROM 11.8 PCT TOMORROW, DID HELP THE OUTLOOK ON INFLATION. THE MOVE, WHILE MADE INEVITABLE BY LAST MONTH'S ONE-POINT RISE IN BASE RATES TO 12 PCT, CAME EARLIER THAN EXPECTED AND THE OTHER BANKS AND BUILDING SOCIETIES MAY QUICKLY FOLLOW SUIT. HIGHER MORTGAGE RATES ARE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS OF DAMPENING CONSUMER DEMAND, DIRECTLY REDUCING DISPOSABLE INCOME.

London Gold

LONDON, SEPT 12, REUTER - GOLD PRICES RECOVERED FROM 17-MONTH LOWS BY THE CLOSE BUT THE MARKET REMAINED GENERALLY WEAK AFTER BREACHING A KEY SUPPORT LEVEL, DEALERS SAID. LONDON GOLD FINISHED AT 419.50/420.00 DLR, UP FROM A SESSION LOW OF 416.25/417.00 DLR, THE LOWEST PRICE SINCE MARCH 27, 1987. THE CLOSE WAS DOWN 7.50 DLR FROM LAST FRIDAY. THE FEATURE OF TRADING WAS THE SUDEN TUMBLE THIS MORNING THROUGH THE KEY TECHNICAL SUPPORT POINT OF 420 DLR PER OUNCE. "IT WENT THROUGH THAT ONE LIKE A KNIFE THROUGH BUTTER," SAID ONE LONDON DEALER. GENERAL SELLING ENSUED, INCLUDING MAJOR BANKS AS WELL AS COMMISSION HOUSES, DEALERS SAID.

London Money Market

LONDON, SEPT 12, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE SLIGHTLY EASIER IN LATE TRADING AFTER A FLURRY OF U.K. ECONOMIC DATA CAME IN MUCH AS EXPECTED AND LEFT TRADERS SLIGHTLY MORE RELAXED OVER THE PROSPECTS OF FURTHER BASE RATE RISES. ONE DEALER SAID, "FOR ONCE WE'VE GOT SOME FIGURES WHICH WERE IN LINE BUT WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO TO BE OUT OF DANGER." THE NEXT TWO WEEKS SEE A STEADY STREAM OF U.K. INDICATORS INCLUDING MONEY SUPPLY, BANK LENDING AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DATA FOR AUGUST. THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS 1/16 POINT SOFTER AT 12-1/8 12 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPEN
DLR 1.6945/55	1.6980/85	1.8445/55	6.2735/65	OPEN
DMK 1.8434/8514	3.124/138	3.1290/1325	10.6335/6465	FIX
FFR 6.2690/2810	10.636/654	339.6/340.3	29.345/505	FIX
SFR HOLIDAY				FIX
HFL 2.0835	3.5335	112.87	33.20	FIX
ECU 1.12283	.661188	2.07162	7.04294	CLSE
SDR 1.30278	0.766431	2.40311	8.16452	CLSE
YEN 133.55/65	226.33/64			NOON
SDR RATES	09/09/1998	OTHERS	12/09/1998	

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NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCN COM	31/2	31/3
ATLANTIC R	78/3	78/2
AAR CORP	27/0	26/6
ABBOTT LAB	48/7	48/4
ACHIE CLVD	9/4	9/5
ADV MICRO	11/5	11/5
AEROFEL LAB	7/3	7/4
AETNA LIFE	51/3	51/0
AMERSON	16/2	16/2
AIR PR-CRM	43/0	43/1
ALASKA AIR	19/2	19/4
ALBERTSONS	34/4	34/4
ALMA 8-16	0	82/0
ALCOA ALUM	29/0	29/4
ALCO STAIN	25/3	25/4
ALCO STAIN	48/2	48/2
AN ELET PW	28/0	27/7
AN HON PRO	79/0	79/6
AN HON PRO	79/5	79/7
AN STNDARD	0	77/6
AM STORES	50/6	50/7
AM TEL-TEL	25/2	25/3
AMOCO CORP	72/3	72/2
AMP INC	42/5	42/4
AMPCO PITT	12/4	12/4
AMR CORP	46/4	46/4
AMR GEN CO	34/7	34/6
AMERADA NE	26/4	26/4
ANTHEM ELE	11/2	11/3
APACHE CP	6/7	6/7
APACHE PET	2/3	2/3
ARMSTRONG	34/6	34/6
ASHLAND OIL	35/6	35/6
ASIA PACIFIC	6/0	6/0
ATLS CORP	39/6	39/6
AVNET INT	21/3	21/5
AVNET INC	20/3	20/1
AVON PRODS	24/2	24/0
BCR INC	30/0	29/7
BELL SOUTH	40/4	40/4
BELO CP A	0	27/6
BETH STEEL	21/3	21/2
BEVERLY	6/4	6/4
BK BOSTON	27/6	27/5
BK BOSTN-A	0	44/4
BK N-YORK	34/6	34/6
BK TR-NY	39/2	38/7
BKAMERICA	14/5	14/6
BKAM SPEC	6/7	7/0
BOEING CO	60/4	60/3
BOISE CASG	43/0	43/2
BND IN GLD	0	10/2
BORDEN	53/3	53/3
BOUATER	29/4	29/3
BR TELECOM	0	39/2
BRIGGS-STR	0	29/4
BRIST-MYER	43/6	44/0
BRUNSWICK	19/7	19/6
BURNDY CP	17/0	16/7
C 3 INC	11/7	11/7
CABOT CORP	39/3	39/4
CAESARS HO	26/3	26/2
CA FREIGHT	23/0	22/6
CAS NAT GS	14/3	14/3
CAS-DOCKE	26/6	26/6
CATERPI TR	56/4	56/6
CI IND	27/5	27/7
CBS	164/6	165/0
CENTEL CP	42/3	42/2
CHAMP INTL	33/0	32/7
CHAMP SPA	12/4	12/4
CHARTER CO	3/5	3/6
CHASE MAN	29/1	29/1
CHENED CP	31/6	31/6
CHEMICAL BHK	31/5	31/5
CHEVRO	43/2	43/2
CHRYSLER	23/0	22/7
CHUBB CORP	58/5	58/2
CHUR FR CH	7/2	7/3
CIGNA CORP	53/3	53/1
CIN MILACR	22/1	22/1
CIR CIT ST	38/0	37/6
CIRCLE K	13/3	13/3
CITICORP	24/5	24/3
CLARK EQUI	29/0	29/2
CLOREX	31/1	31/2
COMBLL RES	14	15
CONPBL SP	28/3	28/5
CAN PAC	16/2	16/2
COACHMEN	11/3	11/4
COASTAL	33/1	33/2
COCA-COLA	42/0	41/7
COLECO	1/7	1/7
COLEMAN CO	36/6	37/0
COLG-PALM	44/0	43/4
COLUMBUS-C	0	112/1
COM EDISON	30/1	30/1
CONAGRA	31/3	31/3
CON EDISON	43/5	43/5
CONTINENTAL	40/1	39/5
CONTEL ILL	0	0
CONTEL CP	35/3	35/2
CONTR DATA	23/5	23/5
COOPER T-R	19/0	19/0
COOPER CO	10/0	10/0
CORNING GL	59/4	59/4
CRANE	30/6	30/4
CRAY RES	80/0	80/0
CULINET	6/1	6/2
DANIEL IND	9/1	9/2
DATA GEN	19/2	19/1
DATAPOINT	5/2	5/1
DAYTON IND	37/4	37/4
DEC	95/3	94/6
DEERE-CO	43/1	43/3
DELTA AIR	49/0	48/7
DIEROLD	14/0	14/0
DISEY U	64/5	65/1
DOVER CORP	59/2	59/4
DOW CHEM	85/4	85/3
DOW JONES	35/2	35/2
DRESSER IN	29/1	29/3
DREYFUS	26/7	26/7
DUKE POWER	44/5	44/4
DUN BRAD	51/2	51/1
DUPONT	81/3	81/4
DUKESNE	15/4	15/4
DYNAMICS	0	23/1
E SYSTEMS	28/2	28/3
EAGLE PICH	29/6	29/6
EASTERN G	23/5	23/6
EMERSON EL	29/4	29/5
EMERSON R	3/4	3/4
ETHYL CP	20/7	20/7
EXON	44/7	45/1
FAM DOL ST	15/0	15/0
FED NAT MO	48/0	48/0
FIELDCREST	0	23/1
FIN COR-AM	0	13
FLEETWOOD	22/4	22/4
FMC CORP	35/6	35/7
FORD MOTOR	50/2	50/2
FORT HAN	52/0	52/0
FOXBORO CO	27/6	28/0
FRCHLD IND	10/6	10/6
FST BANK	21/0	21/4

FST BOSTON	44/7	44/6	MEREDITH	30/0	30/0	SC ATLANTA	32/7	32/7
FST CHICAGO	33/2	33/0	MERRILL LY	23/6	26/0	SCOTT PPR	13/0	13/0
FST INTERS	53/1	52/7	MESA OFFSH	1/4	1/4	SCOTTYS	24/4	24/4
GAI CORP	49/2	49/2	MOSIL OIL	42/5	42/6	SE BANK CO	55/0	54/0
GANNETT CO	34/6	34/2	MOSMOTO	77/0	85/6	SEAGRAM CO	13/0	13/0
GALVESTON		1,06	MONTANA PO	0	35/7	SEAGULL EN	41/4	41/4
GATX CORP	45/6	45/5	MORGAN JP	38/0	37/6	SEALED AIR	36/7	36/6
GCA CP	0	5/2	MORT THIO	42/2	42/4	SEARS ROE	18/1	18/1
GEARHART	.09	.09	MOTROLA	56/4	56/6	SERV CORP	20/4	20/4
GEN DATA	3/6	3/6	MURPHY-WHELEN	30/0	30/2	SA STH PAC	22/4	22/3
GEN FINANC	51/6	51/4	MURPHY TILL	16/6	16/6	SHERN BULLT	66/4	66/5
GEN ELECT	42/2	42/0	NAT INTERG	3/3	3/3	SHERP PLOW	53/4	53/4
GEN HOIST	9/7	9/7	NBC	58/3	58/3	SHRINTX	47/6	47/6
GEN INDRUP			NEW ENG EL	23/3	23/5	SNAP ON TL	36/4	36/4
GEN INKSTR	31/4	31/2	NEW PLA RE	15/0	15/1	SOURCE CAP	20/6	20/6
GEN MILLS	50/6	50/6	NEWELL CO	22/7	22/6	SOUTHERN	30/0	30/0
GEN MOTORS	73/4	73/3	NEWMONT MI	34/5	35/0	SPAIN FOND	10/2	10/2
GEN SIGNAL	46/6	46/4	NEWMONT GLD	35/3	36/2	SPEERY	11/7	12/2
GENCORP	21/4	21/4	NI MOH-10	0	58/2	SQUARE D	47/5	47/5
GENETECH	20/2	20/0	NI MOH-72	0	75/2	SOUTB		
GENUINE PA	36/0	35/7	NICOLETT	11/4	11/4	STONE CONT	33/6	33/6
GEQ PWT-80	72/6	73/4	NICOR INC	31/2	31/2	SUN CO	57/7	57/7
GEORGI-PAC	38/0	37/5	NI INDS	6/5	6/6	SUNSTRAND	47/7	48/2
GIBR FI CL	3/1	3/1	NORLE AFF	12/6	12/7	SUNSHN INT	3/7	3/7
GLOB MAR	.11	.11	NORD RESOU	9/7	10/0	SUPER VAL	23/4	23/5
GOLDEN NUG	12/1	12/1	NORTHROP	30/2	30/4	SOUTHWEST	17/0	17/0
GOODRICH	52/6	52/6	NORTON	49/6	49/6	SW GAS	21/4	21/4
GOODYEAR	59/5	59/5	NOVO IND	36/4	36/4	SUN BELL	39/2	39/2
GOULD INC	22/4	22/4	NOVO CORP	44/4	44/4	TANDY CORP	42/6	42/6
GRACE WR	24/5	24/5	OAK TMS	1/1	1/0	TARG	70/6	70/6
GRAINGER	55/2	55/3	OK PETRO	25/5	25/6	TECO ENRG	23/2	23/5
GREYHOUND	23/0	22/2	OCEAN DRILL	14/2	14/3	TEKTRONIX	22/2	22/2
GRIFFIN	12/0	13/5	ODEN CORP	28/0	28/1	TELETYPE	332/7	332/2
GULF RES-C	43/0	42/5	OH ED CO	18/2	18/2	TELEX CORP	0	0
GULF-WESTN	25/6	25/6	OHIO MATT	12/3	12/5	TERADYNE	14/4	14/4
HALL-BURTH	0	15/2	OHIO CLIP	46/2	46/2	TESORO PET	11/3	11/3
HALLWOOD	30/4	30/3	OLMICKARE	8/1	8/0	TEX AMER B	.11	.11
HANNA MIN	26/1	25/7	ORION PICT	14/3	14/3	TEX EAS TR	25/3	25/3
HARTWAX	25/0	24/6	PAIN MES	17/0	17/1	TEXACO	45/2	45/2
HEINZ HJ	44/4	44/6	PAN AM	2/5	2/5	TEXAS IND	33/0	33/0
HEL CURTIS	37/3	37/3	PARKER	24/3	24/3	TEXAS INST	40/6	40/6
HENL-PAYNE	21/1	21/2	PARKER DR	4/2	4/2	TELETRON	24/7	24/7
MERCURIES	45/6	45/4	PARKER NRI	28/6	28/4	THOMPS MES	0	0
HEML-PACK	48/7	48/5	PATRICK PET	4/2	4/2	VIGORATER	6/6	6/6
HEXCEL CP	35/6	36/0	PATYSS CSR	26/2	26/3	VIGOR INT	11/0	11/0
HILLENBRND	29/2	29/2	PULCMAN CO	9/0	9/0	TURCK	32/6	32/6
HILLENBRND	35/3	35/5	PC INDS-96	0	88/0	TURCHMARC	32/0	32/0
HLTH HTLS	44/5	44/4	PERK CORP	22/1	22/0	TUTS	2/7	2/7
HITACHI	126/6	124/2	PERMALT	86/3	86/6	TOYS 'R US	39/1	39/1
HMSKTE MIN	14/0	14/2	PERKINCO	74/0	74/1	TRANSMER	35/3	35/3
HNDY-HARMN	16/6	16/7	PEOPLES EN	19/0	19/0	TRANSCO EN	33/2	33/2
HOLIDAY C	24/4	24/4	PEPSICO	37/4	37/4	TRANSCO EX	6/1	6/1
HOME DEPOT	26/0	26/2	PFIZER	53/1	53/1	TRAVELLERS	35/0	34/0
HOME FED	24/2	24/1	PHILIPS DOD	37/4	37/5	TRINITY INT	29/0	28/0
HONDA MOTR	157/2	156/2	PHILIP MOR	95/2	94/5	TRM CORP	19/2	19/2
HONEYWELL	62/0	61/6	PHILLIPS PE	17/0	16/6	TRANSWORLD	36/5	36/5
HOUGHTN MI	35/0	35/1	PILLSBURY	36/2	36/2	UNL CORP	91/2	91/2
HROUSTON IN	29/0	29/0	PINKACKE W	22/6	22/7	UTD BRACH	16/3	16/3
HUGHES SUP	16/5	16/7	PITN-BOMES	43/6	43/6	UTR TECH	36/4	36/4
HUMANIA INC	24/0	24/0	PITSON	15/3	15/4	UNILEVER	54/2	54/1
IBM	114/7	114/3	POLAROID	41/6	41/5	UNION CAMP	33/0	33/0
IC INDUSTR	34/4	34/6	PORLINO GE	21/2	21/4	UNION CARB	25/0	25/0
ICN PHARMA	6/5	6/4	PRIME COM	13/0	13/0	US SKE	26/2	26/2
ILL PHR CO	19/4	19/5	PRIME TINS	33/5	33/6	USN CP	27/7	27/7
INCO LTD	25/5	25/5	PRIMERICA	28/2	28/3	US WEST U	55/2	55/1
INDIA GROU	0	10/0	PROCT-GAMB	78/1	78/2		37/5	37/5
JEFF PILOT	34/6	35/0	PUGOT SP-L	18/4	18/5	VALLER EN	7/5	7/5
JER PU 8-5	0	79/2	PULTE HOME	8/0	7/7	VALLEY IND	214	214
JOHNKON CO	32/3	32/3	QUAKER OCT	53/0	53/0	VARD INTL	3/1	3/1
JOHNKON-JNS	84/3	84/1	QUAKER COR	20/0	19/7	VARIAN ASS	27/7	28/0
K MART CP	34/7	34/5	QUANTUM CH	95/0	95/0	V PRT-PERT	32/6	32/6
K KAISER ALH	18/4	18/4	RALS PURIN	71/6	71/2	VALMOC OIL	6/5	6/5
KAN CI P-L	29/3	29/3	RAMADA INN	10/0	10/0	VAL RAL	31/7	31/7
KAN CI P-L	28/2	28/2	RANGER OIL	5/4	5/4	VALGREEN	30/1	30/1
KELLOGG	60/2	60/2	RAYCHEM	42/1	42/1	WARNER CON	34/4	34/4
KERR MCGEE	36/4	36/4	RAYMACK	4/4	4/4	WARNER LAM	73/6	73/6
KEYSTONE	20/2	20/2	RAYTHEON	67/4	67/3	WASTE MAN	39/4	39/4
KIMB-CLARK	57/2	56/6	REGAL INTL	0	.06	WASH GAS L	25/0	25/0
KLM R D AT	16/6	17/0	REYNOLD ME	51/2	51/4	WESTB INTL	6/4	6/4
KOR RID MNS	40/0	40/0	RJR TABSIC	53/5	53/3	WEST CO	13/3	13/3
KROGER CO	38/0	38/1	ROCKES G-E	17/4	17/6	WESTING	51/1	51/1
LEA RONAL	17/2	17/2	ROCKAWAY C	0	9/6	WILLIAMS C	29/7	29/7
LEHMAN	12/1	12/2	ROCKWELL C	20/7	20/6	WILLIAMS E	7/0	7/0
LENNAR	49/1	49/1	ROHR INDS	30/6	30/5	WILLIAMS E	9/3	9/3
LINCOLN NA	53/4	53/4	ROLLINS EN	18/7	19/0	WIN-BKITE	42/3	42/3
LITTON IND	73/4	73/1	ROLLINS IN	17/0	16/2	WOOLMORTH	50/0	50/0
LOCKHEED	40/0	39/6	ROKER GRP	35/3	35/5	WOOLCROP	0	0
LOCITTE INC	29/2	29/4	ROMAN CORP	6/1	6/1	WRIGLEY	33/7	34/0
LOEWS CORP	73/0	73/0	ROYAL DUTCH	107/4	107/2	WYLE LABS	0	0
LOW-NETTLE	19/0	18/7	RSS BERRIE	18/0	18/0	XEROX CORP	34/3	34/3
LOWE STAR	30/5	30/5	RYDER SYST	25/0	25/0	XTRA INC	0	0
LOWES	21/2	21/2	RYLAND GRP	15/4	15/4	ZAPATA	3/0	3/0
LTV INC	22/2	22/1	S DIEG G-E	34/3	34/6	ZATRE CORP	21/4	21/4
LTV CORP	3/1	3/2	SALOMON	24/4	24/6	ZENITH EL	20/5	20/6
LTV 1-25	0	4/0	SARA LEE	41/3	41/5	ZERO	0	0
LTV 3-068	5/7	5/7						

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

LONDON: New Zealand is issuing a 100 million ECU 7-7/8 pct Eurobond due Oct 4, 1999 priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager Banque Paribas Capital Markets said. (RTYS 1331)

London: Credit Agricole is issuing a 150 million dollar Eurobond due Oct 6, 1999 paying 93-9/8 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd. said. (RTYR 1328)

London: Sumitomo Forestry Co Ltd. is issuing a 100 million dollar equity warrant bond due Sept 29, 1992 with an indicated coupon of 5-1/8 pct, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd. said. (RTYR 1328)

London: Household Financial Corporation Ltd. is issuing a 75 million Canadian dollar Eurobond due Sept 29, 1993 paying 11 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Ltd. said. (RCMG 0853)

London: Interfinance Credit National, a unit of Credit National, is issuing a 75 million ECU Eurobond due Oct 20, 1991, with a 7-3/4 pct coupon and priced at 101-1/2, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd. said. (RTXS 1144)

Amsterdam: Amsterdam Rotterdam Bank NV said it is launching for itself a 300 million guilder, 10-year bullet bond carrying a 6-3/4 pct coupon and priced at par. (RTVZ 0806)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LON 10-1/8 10	11-7/16 5/16	12-1/8 12
FT 4.95/5.00	4.90/5.00	4.95/5.05
PAR 7-13/16 7/8	7-3/4 7/8	8-1/16 3/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/4 3-1/2	3-3/8 3-5/8
BRX 7.55	7-1/8 3/16	7-7/16 1/2
BOM 10-1/4 10-3/4	11-1/8 11-5/8	11-3/8 11-7/8
AMS 5.60/62	5.43/53	5.52/62
TCU 3.7500 8125	4.3125 3750	4.3125 3750
EDU 7.18 7.43	7.43 7.56	7.56 7.68

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5-3/4	6-1/16
3 months	5-15/16	6-3/16
6 months	6	6-5/16
1 year	6-1/8	6-1/2

BOMBAY

PR.	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	58	58	61.25	NICO	600	615	620
ACC	253	251	256	GRASIN	105	105	105	NOCIL	630	625	665
ASTA PAINT	171.25	170	170	GSFC	146	143.50	147	OKAY	27.50	28	26.75
BAJAJ AUTO	270	268.75	272.50	HIND LEVER	71.50	70.50	71.50	PEICO	30	29	30
BAR. RAYON	240	245	250	HINDALCO	104	106.50	106	PFIZER	59	58	59.50
BON. DYING	111	115	116	HINDCOCCA	92.50	93.75	96.25	PRE-AUTO	29.50	29	29.50
BR. BOND	94	97	97	HINDMOTOR	27.25	26.75	27.75	RAYMOND	58	55.50	57
BSE INDEX	611.68	621.69	621.69	IND ORG	31.50	32	32.50	RELIANCE	193	191	189
CENTURYSPG	1095	1040	1047.5	INDORAY	67	68	65.75	SIEMENS	80.50	81	81
COLGATE	255	250	260	INDROL	200	205	217.50	SPIC	44.50	44	45
DEEPAK FERT	37	37.50	37.75	ITC	45	4.50	45.50	STOMILLS	235	245	250
ET. HOTEL	49	49.50	47	JKSNT	72	69.50	71.50	TATA PAR	222.50	220	222.50
ESKAYEF	122.50	125	127.50	L AND T	123	126	123.50	TATACHEN	77	76	77
ESSAR	17.25	17.75	18	MAHINDRA	62	62	65	TELCO	710	705	717.50
GAR. POLY	75.50	76.50	76.75	MASTERSHR	10.70	--	--	TISCO	895	892.50	887.50
GE. SHIP	28.75	29	29	MATHER PL	57.50	54	50	VOLTA	352.50	347.50	352.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE
AGG	202.8	202.6
ALLIANZ VR	1584.0	1554.0
BADENWERT	179.0	177.0
BASE	263.4	261.2
BAYER	296.5	291.0
BAYER HYP	339.5	334.5
BAYER VER	339.5	334.5
BBC	304.5	300.6
BFI	434.5	423.0
BNP	508.8	502.0
COMMERZBK	231.5	227.8
CONTI GUM	252.0	246.7
DAJBER	682.0	671.0
DAJBER BHK	489.0	478.8
DLW	382.0	377.0
DRESDNER B	269.0	265.5
DT BANK	177.5	174.0
FAIRINDEX	498.2	493.9
FELLMUEHL	274.0	273.5
GOLDSCHEID	295.0	297.8
HARPER	425.0	423.0
HOCST AG	287.5	283.2
HOSCH	153.8	151.0
HORTEN	205.0	201.0
HUSSEL HLD	443.0	437.0
KALI SALZ	165.8	165.0
KARSTADT	444.2	436.3
KAUFHOFF	366.8	357.0
KLOECK H	137.5	137.8
KLOECK U	97.1	97.0
LINDE	669.0	668.0
LUFTHANSA	144.0	143.5
MAN	198.5	198.0
MANNESMAN	171.1	167.0
MERCEDES	553.0	537.0
METALLGESS	306.0	302.0
NIXDORF PF	439.0	425.1
NORSK HYD	52.90	53.40
PHILIP KOP	608.0	608.0
PORSCE	533.0	533.0
PREUSSAG	176.5	177.0
PMA	227.1	223.0
RHEINMETAL	295.0	295.0
RUE	243.0	240.8
RUE P	222.0	222.5
SALAMANDER	276.0	277.0
SCHERING	506.0	499.0
SEL	287.0	278.0
SIEMENS	450.0	435.8
THYSEN	149.0	147.0
VARTA	286.0	276.5
VEBA	258.2	256.6
VEW	159.5	159.5
VOLKSWAGEN	257.1	252.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.30	15.50
CHEUNG K	7.10	7.30
CHINA GAS	15.50	15.90
CHINA L-P	15.80	16.10
CHINA M-P	21.50	22.00
COSMO PROP	3.00	3.05
EVERGO	4.9	5.0
FAR EAST C	7.1	7.3
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELOP	9.40	9.45
H S INDEX	468.94	496.56
HANG LUNG	4.85	4.92
HANG SENG	27.60	27.60
HAW PAR BR	7.15	7.20
HK ELEC CO	7.80	7.90
HK KONGLO	7.95	8.05
HK LAND CO	6.00	6.05
HK SHAN BK	4.50	4.60
HK SHAN HT	5.20	5.20
HK TELE CO	8.20	8.30
HUTCH WHAM	11.40	11.50
IND ED PAC	12.70	13.00
JARDINE H	8.75	8.85
KOMLOON H	7.00	7.10
NEW WORLD	2.87	2.95
PAUL Y CON	0	6.85
REALTY DEV	1.84	1.91
S H K CO	10.20	10.30
S H K PROP	2.30	2.27
SINE DARBY	2.75	2.77
STELLUS MFG	16.90	17.20
SURE PAC	12.90	12.90
T V B CO	3.57	3.65
TAT CHEUNG	1.52	1.52
UNION BANK	0	7.25
WOCK HART	0	1.15
WORLD INTL	3.75	3.82

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE
AJINOMOTO	2960	2950
AKAI ELEC	590	602
AKI	955	928
ASAHI GLS	1960	1980
ASAHI OPT	685	660
BANK TOKYO	1550	1550
BRIDGESTON	1290	1290
CANON	1470	1450
CASIO CORP	1420	1420
CHUGAI PHM	1630	1650
CITIZEN W	945	927
D-ICI KAN	2810	2800
DAI NIP IT	783	782
DAI NIP PK	2620	2620
DAI NIP SC	1020	1020
DAI NIP TO	620	616
DAI NIP TO	810	815
DAI NIP TO	1980	1980
DAI NIP TO	2270	2270
DAI NIP TO	960	951
DAI NIP TO	2050	2050
DAI NIP TO	1760	1730
DAI NIP TO	3160	3130
DAI NIP TO	3550	3530
DAI NIP TO	1860	1850
DAI NIP TO	740	734
DAI NIP TO	1710	1670
DAI NIP TO	2110	2080
DAI NIP TO	2200	2180
DAI NIP TO	4010	4000
DAI NIP TO	1100	1100
DAI NIP TO	14000	13800
DAI NIP TO	643	630
DAI NIP TO	1420	1400
DAI NIP TO	2950	2930
DAI NIP TO	1720	1720
DAI NIP TO	652	639
DAI NIP TO	781	768
DAI NIP TO	1880	1890
DAI NIP TO	745	740
DAI NIP TO	720	716
DAI NIP TO	5500	5450
DAI NIP TO	1590	1590
DAI NIP TO	2920	2900
DAI NIP TO	2580	2580
DAI NIP TO	0	2660
DAI NIP TO	1020	1030

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER IN DULL TRADE
TOKYO, Sept 12, REUTER - SHARE PRICES MANAGED TO SPUTTER UPWARDS, CLOSING NEAR THEIR HIGHS, AFTER BARELY BUDGING THROUGHOUT THE DAY, BROKERS SAID.

"IT'S GENERALLY A PRETTY CHARACTERLESS MARKET," SAID ROSS ROBBINS, A BROKER AT SANYO SECURITIES.

"BASICALLY IT'S A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE, THEREFORE THE MORE INCENTIVE-BACKED STOCKS ARE STRONG," HE SAID.

THE NIKKEI INDEX GAINED 109.64 POINTS, OR 0.40 PCT, TO 27,756.74. IT LOST 93.01 POINTS ON FRIDAY.

RISES LED FALLS BY ABOUT 1.5 TO ONE IN DULL TURNOVER OF 700 MLN SHARES AGAINST 750 MLN.

COMMUNICATIONS, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, CONSTRUCTION, SHIPBUILDING, GLASS/CEMENT, OIL, RETAIL, STEEL, CREDIT/LEASE AND ELECTRICAL STOCKS WERE AMONG THE WINNERS.

SECURITIES HOUSE, RAILWAY/BUS, BANK, WAREHOUSE, MINING, PHARMACEUTICAL, ROLLING STOCK, AUTO, NON-FERROUS METAL, REAL ESTATE AND SOME MANUFACTURING ISSUES LED THE DECLINES.

THE NIKKEI INDEX KEPT TO A 120-POINT RANGE, FLUCTUATING FROM A LOW OF 27,638.79 IN THE MORNING TO A HIGH 27,758.97 BEFORE THE CLOSE.

THERE WERE FEW PLAYERS, WITH SOME BUYING BY CORPORATIONS AND FOREIGNERS AND SMALL LOT SELLING BY INSTITUTIONS.

"MARKET SENTIMENT IS VERY CAUTIOUS, BUT BECAUSE OF THIS WEEK'S AFFRAID OF ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR, BUT BECAUSE OF THIS WEEK'S TIMIDITY," SAID CHRIS TAYLOR, HEAD OF SALES AT BARRING SECURITIES.

U.S. JULY TRADE DATA IS DUE OUT ON WEDNESDAY AND THE TOKYO MARKET WILL BE CLOSED FOR A NATIONAL HOLIDAY ON THURSDAY.

"IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A TERRIBLY ACTIVE WEEK," HE SAID.

THE MARKET PICKED UP ENERGY LAST WEEK ON A STRONGER YEN AND REDUCED WORRIES OVER HIGHER U.S. AND DOMESTIC INTEREST RATES. SENTIMENT WAS SPURRED BY LARGER-THAN-EXPECTED U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT WHICH SEEMED TO SIGNAL A SLOWING OF THE ECONOMY.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, Sept 12, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED LOWER WITH TRADING VOLUME DIMINISHING TO A TWO-YEAR LOW AS MOST BUYERS KEPT TO THE SIDELINES IN THE ABSENCE OF NEW INCENTIVES.

THE HANG SENG INDEX DROPPED 27.62, OR 1.1 PCT, TO 2,468.94 WHILE THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX FELL 19.60 TO 1,630.90.

TURNOVER WAS 334.86 MLN H.K. DLRS, THE LOWEST FULL-DAY TRADING RECORD SINCE SEPTEMBER 18, 1986, AND COMPARED WITH 390.18 MLN DLRS ON FRIDAY.

"THE DOWNSIDE SHOULD BE LIMITED," A BROKER SAID, ADDING "THERE SHOULD BE SUPPORT ABOVE 2,450 LEVEL."

AMMAN

ALADDIN COMPANY	1.15	1.15
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.65	1.64
ARAB BANK	110.0	110.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.00	3.90
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.38	1.38
ARAB INSURANCE	0.90	0.89
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.90	0.90
ARAB INT. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER COM/IND	0.28	0.28
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	1.92	1.92
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.10	15.00
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.67	0.66
DAR ALDAMA DV/IND.	1.61	1.63
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.48	0.49
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.59	0.59
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.65	3.55
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.33	1.31
GENERAL MINING	1.40	1.36
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.40	1.40
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.65	0.65
INDSTR/DEVLPT BNK	1.51	1.50
INDSTR/COM/AGR.	1.16	1.15
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN.COM/INV	0.19	0.19
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.86	0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
INTERMED/PETRI/CH	1.23	1.26
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TABACCO/CIGARET	14.25	14.00
JOR CERAMIC FACTS	1.22	1.22
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	25.01	25.05
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.63	1.61
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.94	0.95
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.67	1.66
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.62	0.59
JOR LHM BRICK	0.21	0.21
JOR MANAC/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.54	2.54
JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	3.16	3.17
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.55	2.55
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.24	1.24
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.70	0.73
JOR SECURITY CORP.	0.76	0.74
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.47	2.50
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.14	1.15
JOR WOODSTED MLL	4.64	4.60
JOR PETROLIUM REF	7.66	7.66
JOR INV. FIN. CORP	4.50	4.50
JOR INV. FIN. CORP	2.07	2.08
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.30	0.30
JORDAN DAIRY	0.97	0.95
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.18	1.18
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.63	1.65
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.39	1.37
JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.68	0.65
MACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN	0.77	0.77
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
MIDDEL EAST INS.	60.00	60.00
MIDDEL EAST RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.71	1.71
NAT. CABLE/WIRE/MF	0.99	0.99
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.22	1.22
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.39	0.39
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.67	0.67
NATIONAL STEEL	2.59	2.57
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA GULF INS.	1.92	1.92
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.87	0.86
RAFFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42	0.42
SHIPPING LINES	0.85	0.85
SHINING WEAVING	0.83	0.87
THE HOUSING BANK	1.96	1.96
UNITED INSURANCE	0.97	0.96
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.47	1.45
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.69	0.69
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.68	0.68
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.05	1.05

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	70.00	69.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.43	.43
AC-A	9.30	9.50	9.40	LC-B	.45	.45
AMS	2.34	2.36	2.36	PX-A	.32	.32
FER-A	2.46	2.48	2.48	PX-B	.33	.34
GLO	33.50	34.00		OIL SECTOR		
PLDT	210.00	211.00	208.00	BP-A	.015	.016
KPSI-A		2.30		BP-B	.015	.015
SNC-A	140.00	141.00	140.00	LRC-A	.003	.0034
SNC-B	226.00	228.00		LRC-B	.003	.0034
MINING SECTOR				OPM-A	.029	.03
APX-A	.026	.027	.027	OPM-B	.032	.032
APX-B	.027	.028	.028	OV-A	.027	.027
AT-A	18.50	18.75	18.50	OV-B	.028	.028

BUSINESS

Dollar steadies

Gold plunges as inflation fears wane

LONDON, Sept 12, (Reuters). Weak oil prices eased worries about inflation today and that put the skids under gold bullion.

Gold, an investor hedge when inflation threatens, fell \$10 from Friday's price to \$419.40 an ounce at the London bullion market after inflation fell to 4.9 per cent.

Monday's slump in Europe followed a flight out of gold in New York late on Friday which resumed when the US market reopened today.

"The specific thing that triggered it was the news that OPEC will not be meeting," said Rhona O'Connell, precious metals analyst for Shearson Lehman Hutton in London.

Value Gold's value lies in the fact that it does not age and in its universal acceptability, a factor which led to its underpinning the world's currency system for many years as the "gold standard" — a kind of guarantee of money's value.

But gold is costly to hold if inflation remains stable, because it pays no interest income.

"If we see Brent (crude oil prices) breaking \$13 (per barrel) on the downside, then I think we could challenge the \$400 level in gold," said another analyst. The Brent price was just above that level at \$13.05 to \$13.10 today.

A retreat in Chicago grain futures prices last week and

recent rises in interest rates aimed at containing inflation have also taken the shine off the metal, dealers said.

"What if (the market) has been saying that although inflation may rise, any rise is likely to be short-lived," said Lawrence Eagles, precious metals analyst for GNI Ltd in London.

Fall The sudden fall in gold prices came after prices languished for weeks in a tight range of about \$425 to \$430.

Once the market broke the \$420 level, major banks unloaded gold along with commission houses, dealers said.

Dealers said they expect prices to pause at the new low levels before trying again to breach lower levels. "The general feeling is it will go to \$400," said a London dealer.

Apart from waning inflation fears, analysts said there have been some changes in the basic supply and demand of gold. Gold is mined in many countries and on all continents. But by far the biggest producer is South Africa, which supplies just over half of the Western world's needs.

The Soviet Union is the world's second biggest producer, although there are no reliable figures as to just how much gold it mines. Other major producers are Brazil, Canada, the United States and Australia.

There is growing concern about the effects of gold loans to mining companies by major banks, said GNI's Eagles. Under the practice, banks loan gold bullion to mining companies, who promise to repay the gold from future production.

Much of the gold loaned by banks finds its way onto the spot market, adding to short-term supplies, he said.

Currencies had a quiet day with the dollar closing in London little changed worth 1.8455 West German marks and 133.50 yen.

Dealers said the Bundesbank, West Germany's central bank, sold dollars when it appeared that the mark might weaken. Most operators were waiting for US July trade figures due on Wednesday.

Sterling closed unchanged on its Bank of England index against other key currencies at 75.7.

Brokers said business was light ahead of the trade figures but that sentiment was helped by the weak oil prices — less risk of inflation suggests less risk that the Federal Reserve Board will have to tighten credit again.

In London, equity prices were mostly firmer but below the day's modest highs in thin, late trading, with a becalmed Wall Street providing little new impetus.

Dealers said news this morning that August UK retail sales had grown well within expecta-

tions at 0.5 per cent after July's alarming 2.4 per cent gain, helped calm some of the market's worst fears on inflation.

However, with a whole spate of economic figures out this week from both sides of the Atlantic, trading is likely to remain cautious. At 1450 GMT, the FTSE 100 share index was 4.9 points up at 1,743.3 after touching 1,747.7.

Prices UK August output prices rose an unadjusted 0.4 per cent, in line with expectations and had little impact.

Dealers said news that Barclays Bank was raising its UK mortgage rate to 13 per cent from 11.8 per cent tomorrow, did help the outlook on inflation. The move, while made inevitable by last month's one-point rise in base rates to 12 per cent, came earlier than expected and the other banks and building societies may quickly follow suit.

Higher mortgage rates are one of the most effective ways of dampening consumer demand, directly reducing disposable income.

Quiet Nevertheless, the market looks set to remain quiet this week. One dealer said, "Wall Street's not going anywhere ahead of Wednesday's US trade figures and our market's going to be fog-bound ahead of the UK trade data due next week."

Consolidated Goldfields,

which reports its full-year results tomorrow, fell 29p to 1,010 in line with a near \$10 fall in the bullion price. Analysts said fading speculation that it will announce the sale of some South African interests also left the shares lower.

Pre-tax profits forecasts for Cons Gold range from £200 million to 315 million but with a bias towards the upper level. RTZ was 3p up at 415 ahead of half-year figures tomorrow with estimates of pre-tax profit ranging from £160 to 185 million after 112 million last year.

Higher Fisons, 3p higher at 232, topped the active list with turnover of 17.7 million shares. The high volume represented the placing of the last of the recent £165 million one-for-six rights issue which Fisons said had an 89.5 per cent take-up.

Dealers said the good take-up could mean other recently announced issues might not be as badly received as first feared. These totalled only some £560 million compared with the estimated £2 billion cash-pile-institutions hold, they added.

Sun Life ended 35p easier at 1,163, having hit a low of 1,138 after news of a share issue and a 62 million sterling one-for-seven rights related to its link-up with France's largest insurer, state-controlled Union des Assurances de Paris (UAP).

Hard landing for the economy may be possible

Surge in sales fuels fears of rate rise, says study

LONDON, Sept 12: The boom in retail sales is continuing, the latest Confederation of British Industry evidence shows. The figures add to City worries about Britain's trade deficit and raise the threat of higher base rates.

Sales growth continued strongly last month and retailers are optimistic about the outlook for September, according to the latest CBI/FT Distributive Trade Survey published on Thursday.

But retailers have grown increasingly cautious about the outlook for next year, said Nigel Whitaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades survey panel.

Implication The implication of the survey — that interest rates have not yet had an impact on consumer spending but that there could be a hard landing for the economy next year — his share prices, reports a London daily.

Money market interest rates edged higher and the pound fell back. It closed almost a cent down at \$1.6970 and 1.5 pennings lower at DM 3.1352.

Fears are growing that the August trade data will show no

significant improvement from the record £2.15 billion current account deficit recorded in July.

Warburg Securities predict that the figures, due on September 27, will show a deficit of £2 billion.

"The markets are worrying because they want to see evidence that the monetary medicine is working," said Ian Harwood, economist at Warburg Securities. "So far that evidence is not coming through."

Sales The distributive trades survey showed that 73 per cent of retailers expected September sales to be stronger than a year ago, with particular strength in household textiles, furniture and carpets.

This suggests the recent high level of activity in the housing market is leading on to more general consumer spending, as people fit out their recently purchased properties.

Whittaker said: "The survey results show that increases in interest rates have, so far, had a limited effect in dampening the growth of consumer demand. This is to be expected as rises in mortgage rates have barely

begun to hit the consumer. It remains to be seen how much impact higher interest rates will have in the longer run, but their impact on consumer confidence could be quite substantial. Retailers are becoming increasingly cautious about the prospects for 1989."

Survey The survey was also worrying in that, for both motor traders and wholesalers — but not for retailers — it showed a higher level of import penetration. Import penetration among wholesalers was at its highest since November 1985.

"If anything these figures suggest that things are getting worse," said Stephen Harman, economist at County NatWest WoodMac. "The momentum of growth in demand is very strong and overshadowing the impact of higher interest rates."

The Central Statistical Office is to conduct an exercise in producing figures for the economy that will exclude the large residual errors and balancing items in the national accounts criticised by the all-party Treasury and Civil Service Committee earlier this year.

Hagen restricts immigration

Tax cutter makes headway in Norway

OSLO, Norway, Sept 12, (AP). When oil prices fell in 1986, support surged for Carl I. Hagen's small but boisterous anti-tax party.

The Progress Party, once shunned as a right-wing fringe group, has been surging ever since. Latest polls show that the party has the support of 22 per cent of Norway's voters in a political arena traditionally dominated by the Labour Party and the Conservatives.

Solutions The effect could be significant. The weekly Nytt Fra Norge speculated that Norway's parliament, where the Progress Party now has only two of the 157 seats, appears headed for a "political earthquake" in next year's elections.

Norway had grown rich from its North Sea oilfields, and the 1986 collapse hit particularly hard here. The standard of living has dropped for the first time since World War II, triggering a wave of discontent and criticism

of the established parties. "We have a whole load of solutions to the problems," Hagen tells Norwegians.

Hagen, 44, wants to lower taxes, restrict immigration, cut down the public sector and let private companies handle traditional welfare state tasks such as hospital care, child nursing and old age care.

In a country where big benefits, financed through taxes, were taken for granted even by Conservatives, Hagen's policies were considered extreme.

Functions However, Conservative Party policies outlined earlier this month borrowed from some of Hagen's ideas, an apparent attempt to ride the trends in advance of the Sept 11, 1989 election.

Hagen, blond, blue-eyed and telegenic, is a powerful speaker who does not hesitate to shout against his opponents in parliament, a chamber used to hushed and polite tones.

Sitting between piles of newspaper clippings at his small office in the parliament building, Hagen told a visitor that the state handles defence, schools, hospitals in a "miserably poor way."

He claimed the Scandinavian welfare state doesn't function well because it is modeled after East bloc socialism and "acts as a guardian interfering in all things between heaven and earth."

A strong advocate of a free market economy, Hagen maintains the government's functions should be restricted to basics such as defence and law and order.

"Our motto is more welfare and less state," Hagen said. "Political analysts acknowledge that Hagen is charismatic, but say he became so popular mainly because there is no other non-socialist alternative to Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland's ruling Labour Party."

Lars Hellberg, a political commentator at the leading con-

servative newspaper Aftenposten, said co-operation between the Conservatives, the farmer-dominated Centre Party and Christian Democrats had "completely crashed" since Conservative leader Kaare Willoch's three-party coalition resigned in 1986.

He said the consequent "irritation, frustration and desperation" benefited Hagen.

The Progress Party also is getting support for its attacks on Norway's open-door refugee policy, Hellberg said.

Impact In a poll published earlier this month in Aftenposten, Hagen had support from 22.2 per cent of the voters, compared with 3.7 in the election of 1985.

The three non-socialist parties fell from 45.3 per cent in 1985 to 33.1 per cent, with the Conservative Party dropping from 30.4 per cent to 20.8. The Labour Party dropped from 40.8 per cent to 31 per cent.

Despite the potential impact of the Progress Party in next year's general elections, the other parties in the parliament, or Storting, have refused to co-operate with him.

Hagen, who studied economics in Britain, formerly represented a British sugar company in Norway. He joined the Progress Party when it was formed in 1973 and became its leader the same year.

He is an acknowledged master at image-making through the media.

"While other politicians were arguing to convince each other in televised debates, I worked on convincing those watching," Hagen said.

The drop in oil prices slashed the country's real disposable income by about 10 per cent.

"In 1985, when oil prices were at their highest point, our election results were poor. But in 1986-1987 when it became necessary to save, people grew more interested," he said.

UASC hopes to make profit this year



Saud Abdul Aziz Al Zamel
By Khalid Ahmad

SHIPPING in Gulf waters is expected to increase by 15 to 20 per cent, according to Saud Abdul Aziz Al Zamel, general manager of the United Arab Shipping Co.

This will not be caused by an increased demand for goods in the Gulf, but mainly by the re-routing of ships to both Iran and Iraq. Both countries were using alternative ports during the war. The increase in the quantities of imports to the region is directly linked to reconstruction projects in both Iran and Iraq and will mainly depend upon financing opportunities, the official said.

Al Zamel predicted that shipping companies that withdrew from the region because of economic factors will return. He added that this will increase competition of national carriers and plans must be made to face such a possibility.

Discussing the performance of the United Arab Shipping Co. last year and the first few months of this year, Al Zamel described the results as encouraging and added that the company will make a profit this year after several years of losses.

The official stressed that although UASC is run on commercial basis, it played a vital political role especially during the war.

The presence of the UASC ships prevented shipping rates from reaching high levels and also ensured regular operations, he said.

Carlton takes over \$780m Technicolor

LONDON, Sept 12: Carlton Communications, the highly acquisitive television and film services company headed by Michael Green, is making its most ambitious purchase by paying \$780 million (£487 million) for Technicolor, the privately-owned American company which is the world's largest in both film processing and video cassette duplication, reports a London daily.

To pay for the acquisition, Carlton is raising \$364 million from a rights issue and \$200 million (£118 million) through a five-year loan.

A nervous Stock Exchange greeted the massive rights issue from a company which joined the market only five years ago by knocking 106p off the price to 578p, but later the shares closed off the bottom at 585p, down 99p on the day.

Ideal Green conceded the state of the stock market made the timing less than ideal but he had discussed the deal over the past three days with his 20 largest shareholders, and he said they all urged him to go ahead.

Technicolor is currently owned by Ronald Perleman, who also has the Revlon cosmetics business and earlier this year bid for Gillette. Green took the initiative in persuading him to sell Technicolor.

This year, Technicolor is expected to produce pre-tax profits of \$78 million (£50 million) on turnover of \$400 million (£236 million), forecast to grow next year to \$95 million profit on sales of \$464 million. Analysts are therefore forecasting that in 1989 Carlton with Technicolor should produce pre-tax profits of £110 million.

Results Technicolor's results are predictable, explained Green, because film processing, in which Technicolor has some 40 per cent of the world market, is on five-year contracts.

Film is a growing medium, he added, with 16 per cent more produced this year than last, and the company benefits from the splitting of cinemas into multiple screens — Britain will have an extra 470 screens over the next 18 months.

India to face severe competition in manpower exports

NEW DELHI, Sept 12, (KUNA): India will face severe competition in manpower exports from countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Egypt unless it retains its workers to meet the changing requirements of the Gulf countries.

According to a government study, South Korea and Thailand may opt out of the race because of a 30 per cent reduction in wages in the Gulf countries.

The competition can be effectively met if Indians are equipped with specific skills to match the job opportunities in those countries, the study said.

Strong While remittances from abroad have been a major source of strength for India's balance of payments, non-resident Indians' investment in the country has been poor.

Lately, there has been a considerable decline in the country's manpower exports.

The Gulf economies continue to be strong despite the fall in oil revenues. There has not been any noticeable decline in imports into these economies. The level of imports has been maintained even though this has meant incurring current account deficits.

Morocco, Hungary invited to attend Swiss trade fair

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Sept 12, (KUNA): Moroccan trade team attended a special "Morocco Day" today at Switzerland's annual trade fair.

The Minister for Planning Rachid Ghazouani, the head of the Moroccan Export Promotion Office, Mohammed Guedira, and other officials presided over the opening of the event. Morocco is displaying many aspects of its economy and culture at the fair.

Morocco and Hungary were invited to participate in this year's fair.

Iraq will start soon to meet all its financial obligations to Kuwaiti firms

IRAQ will start soon to meet all its financial obligations to Kuwaiti contracting companies, sources in local contracting companies were quoted as saying yesterday.

The sources told a local daily that Iraq has already classified the foreign and Arab contracting companies which completed projects in Iraq and endorsed a repayment schedule.

However, the sources noted that priority was given to Kuwaiti companies although the sources have no details on the amount of money due to those companies. However, they affirmed that the amount is more than \$120 million, the biggest portion of which would go to 11 major companies.

Amounts Iraq stopped paying the contracting companies in 1986 because of the Gulf war and used to periodically pay small amounts, according to the newspaper.

One of the Kuwaiti companies received half a million US dollars from Baghdad last week, but it was not known whether the amount was part of Iraq's new schedule or an installment of the periodic payments.

The Kuwaiti companies worked on several road and other major construction projects in Iraq from 1980-1986.

Ministers to discuss future of electrical energy

BONN, Sept 12, (KUNA): West German Federal Minister of Economy Martin Bangemann today heads the Conference of Economy Ministers of the 12 German states in Stuttgart, the capital of Baden Wurttemberg.

The conference, which will end tomorrow evening, is expected to discuss several economic topics, including the economy of electrical energy and the future of electrical energy generated from coal in West Germany.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

The tenders summarized below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of government ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against a payment of non-refundable fees as shown therein. Unless otherwise stipulated all relevant offers shall remain valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date.

Tender No. MEW/22/44/88/89
Tender's Internal No. 122/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply of street lighting bulbs
Relevant fee: KD20

Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 25.10.88

Tender No. MEW/22/44/88/89
Tender's Internal No. 133/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: supply & installation of one aircompressor in Shuaba Power Station.
Relevant fee: KD20

Initial guarantee: 2 1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 16.10.88

N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be held on Wednesday 28.9.88 in Shuaba Power Station to answer the queries and acquaint with the nature of works.

Tender No. P/S/29/88
Tender's Internal No. 134/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Health

Requirements: Supply of printings
Relevant fee: KD20

Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 2.10.88

N.B.: This tender is open for local printing press only

Tender No. NG/57/17/88/89
Tender's Internal No. 73/88
Concerned party: National Guard

Requirements: Supply of Eggs, fresh fruits, fresh & canned foodstuff.
Relevant fee: KD30

Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 9.10.88

Tender No. HMM/3/88
Tender's Internal No. 123/88
Concerned party: Public Authority for Civil Information

Requirements: Supply of forms & requirements for computer
Relevant fee: KD30

Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 16.10.88

Tender No. D/2797
Tender's Internal No. 130/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company

Requirements: Supply of chemical injection pump
Relevant fee: KD20

Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 25.10.88

Tender No. D/2798
Tender's Internal No. 129/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company

Requirements: Supply of Skid Mounted Diesel Driven Electric Generator Sets
Relevant fee: KD20

Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 25.10.88

Tender No. A/880/C
Tender's Internal No. 124/88
Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co.

Requirements: Postal & Administrative Services Contract in Ahmadi
Relevant fee: KD20

Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 16.10.88

N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be held at 9.00 am on Sunday, 25.9.88 in Ahmadi Port Refinery to acquaint with the site and nature of works.

NOTE 1: The company representative shall not be allowed to attend the preliminary obligatory meeting if the bidder fails to notify Kuwait National Petroleum Co. with the names and designations of his nominees according to the safety and security conditions applied in refineries at least two days before the date of the said meeting.

Bidders offers shall not be considered if they fail to attend the above-said preliminary obligatory meeting.

Tender No. MT/10/88
Tender's Internal No. 132/88
Concerned party: Petrochemical Industries Co.

Requirements: Supply of cotton thread for sewing machines
Relevant fee: KD20

Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 30.10.88

Tender No. M/1988/41
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company

Requirements: Handling of stored materials & related works.
Relevant fee: KD40

(To be continued)
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Dear Junior Readers,

With all the extra traffic on the roads taking you all to school every day, you will really have to be extra careful when you are out and about. Some people are in so much of a hurry to get where they are going that they do not seem to care if they drive in one piece!

Look both ways before you cross a road and keep looking and listening while you are crossing. Don't dash out from between parked cars — if possible, look for a clear space when you can see and be seen and then walk across. Concentrate when you are near or crossing roads — it is so easy to get carried away when you are chatting and laughing with your friends and to completely forget the dangers around you. Get out of the school bus carefully and wait until it has moved off before you cross and do not run out from behind.

Finally, try to get whoever takes you to school to leave just a little earlier so that he or she does not have to drive like a mad thing to get you there on time!

Auntie Jayne

Geography quiz

1. Which country's capital is named after a British prime minister and soldier, and what is the name of the city?
2. Which country's capital is named after its first president, and what is the name of the city?
3. What is the Colosseum?
4. What is the Parthenon?
5. What is the capital of Malaysia?
6. Where does a Muscovite come from?
7. Paris has more than thirty bridges: over what river?
8. Napoleon was born on one island and died on another. What are the names of these two islands?
9. There are geysers in many countries but they all take their name from the daddy of them all. Which one is this and where is it?
10. Suez lies at one end of the Suez Canal. What is the name of the city at the other end?
11. 'Constantinople' was often used as a test of a person's spelling ability. The city has a new name now. What is Constantinople called today?
12. Trieste is a port: on what sea?
13. What is the name of the city which has the statue of the 'Little Mermaid' set in the harbour?
14. What is the capital of Tasmania?
15. What and where is St. Kitts?
16. What is the 'Milky Way'?
17. Which is the largest country in area in the world?
18. Valletta is the capital of what country?

Solution on Thursday

By Mabel Marlowe

The snow-man

A SNOW-MAN once stood upon a hill, with his face towards the sunset. A very fine snow-man he was, as tall as a soldier, and much fatter. He had two pieces of glass for eyes, and a stone for a nose, and a piece of black wood for a mouth, and in his hand he held a stout, knobby club.

But he had no clothes at all, not even a hat, and the wind on the top of that hill was as bitter as wind could be.

"How cold I am! I am as cold as ice," said the snow-man. "But that red sky looks warm." So he lifted his feet from the ground, and went tramp, tramp, tramping down the slope towards the setting sun.

Very soon he overtook a gipsy woman, who was wearing a bright red shawl. "Ha, that looks warm! I must have it," thought the snow-man. So he went up to the gipsy woman and he said, "Give me that red shawl."

"No, indeed!" said the gipsy woman. "I cannot spare it on this wintry day," answered the gipsy. "I am cold enough as it is."

"Cold!" shouted the snow-man in a very growlish voice. "Are you as cold as I am, I wonder! Are you cold inside as well as outside? Are you made of ice, through and through?"

"No, I suppose not," mumbled the gipsy, who was getting hot with fright.

"Then give me your red shawl this moment, or I shall strike you with my stout, knobby club."

Then the gipsy took off her red shawl, grumbling all the time, and gave it to the snow-man. He put it round his shoulders, without a word of thanks,

and went tramp, tramp, tramping down the hill. And the shivering gipsy woman followed behind him.

Presently the snow-man overtook a ploughboy who was wearing his grandmother's long, red woolen mittens.

"Ha! They look warm! I must have them," thought the snow-man. So he went up to the ploughboy and he said, "Give me those red woolen mittens."

"No, indeed!" said the ploughboy. "They belong to my grandmother. She lent them to me because my fingers were so cold."

"Cold!" shouted the snow-man in a very roarish voice. "Are your fingers as cold as mine, I wonder! Are your hands and arms frozen into ice, through and through?"

"No, I suppose not," mumbled the ploughboy. "Then give me those red mittens, this moment, or I shall strike you with my stout, knobby club."

So the ploughboy drew off the warm mittens, grumbling all the time, and the snow-man put them on, without a word of thanks. Then he went tramp, tramp, tramping down the hill. And the gipsy and the ploughboy followed him.

After a while he overtook a tame pirate, wearing a pirate's thick red cap, with a tassel dangling down his back.

"Ha! That looks warm! I must have it," thought the snow-man. So he went up to the tame pirate and he said, "Give me that red tassel cap."

"No, indeed!" said the pirate. "A nice cold in the head I should get if I did."

"Cold in the head!" shouted the snow-man, in a very thundersh voice. "Is your head as cold as mine, I wonder! Are your brains made of snow, and your bones solid ice, through and through?"

"No, I suppose not," muttered the tame pirate. "Then give me that red tassel cap, this moment, or I shall set upon you with my stout, knobby club."

Now the pirate felt very sorry that he had turned tame, but he did not like the look of that knobby stick, so he gave up his red tassel cap. The snow-man put it on without a word of thanks. Then he went tramp, tramp, tramping down the hill, with the tassel bumping up and down. And the gipsy woman, and the ploughboy, and the tame pirate followed him.

At last he reached the bottom of the hill, where the village school-house stood, and there was the village schoolmaster on the door-step, looking at the sunset. He was smoking a glowing briar pipe, and on his feet were two red velvet slippers.

"Ha! Those look warm! I must have them," said the snow-man. So he went up to the schoolmaster and said, "Give me those red slippers."

"Certainly, if you want them," said the schoolmaster. "Take them by all means. It is far too cold today to be tramping about with bare toes," and he stood and drew off his slippers, and there he stood in some bright red socks, thick and woolly and knitted by hand.

"Ha! Those look warm! Give them to me!"



said the snow-man.

"Certainly, if you want them," said the schoolmaster. "But you must come inside. I cannot take my socks off here, in the doorway. Come on to the mat."

So the snow-man stepped inside the doorway, and stood upon the mat.

"Be sharp with those socks. My feet are as cold as solid ice," he grumbled.

"I am sorry to hear that," said the schoolmaster. "But I have a warm red blanket airing over the stove. Come in, sir. Sit on that chair by the fire, sir. Put your cold feet upon this snug red footstool, and let me wrap this red blanket around your legs."

So the snow-man came into the school-house, and sat upon a chair by the glowing fire, and put his feet upon the red footstool, and the schoolmaster wrapped the red blanket round and round and round his legs. (All this while the gipsy woman, and the plough-

boy and the tame pirate were peering in at the window.)

"Are you feeling warmer?" asked the schoolmaster.

"No, I am as cold as an iceberg."

"Come closer to the fire."

So the schoolmaster pushed the chair closer to the fire, but the snow-man gave him not one word of thanks.

"Are you feeling warmer now?"

"No, I am as cold as stone. My feet feel like icy water."

"Move closer to the fire," said the schoolmaster, and he pushed the chair right against the kerb. "There! Are you warmer now?"

"No, no, no! I am colder than ever. I cannot feel my feet at all. I cannot feel my legs at all. I cannot feel my back at all."

Then the schoolmaster pushed the chair close up against the stove. "Are you warmer now?" he said.

But there was no ans-

wer, except a slithering sliding sound, and the drip, drip, drip, of black snow-water.

"Dear me!" whispered the snow-man, in a gurgling kind of voice. "I have dropped my stout, knobby club. My red slippers are floating into the ashpan. My mittens are swimming in a little river on the floor. My shawl is gone. My red tassel cap is slipping — slipping away. My head is going — going —"

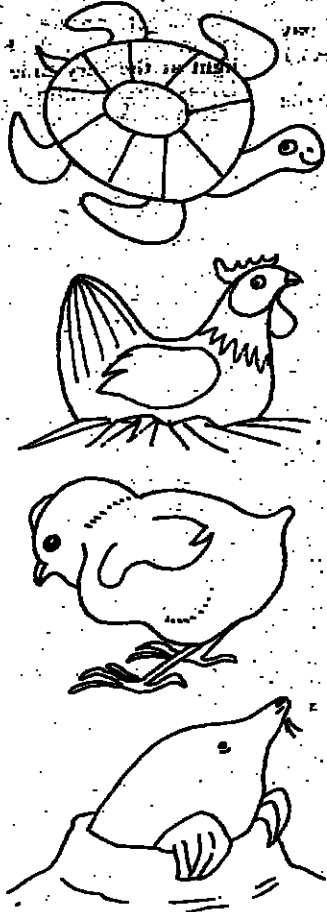
Splash! Splash! Gurgles!

"That's the end of him," said the schoolmaster, and he went to fetch the mop.

Then the gipsy woman, and the ploughboy, and the tame pirate came in and picked up their things, and wrung them out, and dried them at the stove, and the schoolmaster put his red slippers on his hearth, and hung the red blanket over the back of the chair.

Then he picked up the stout, knobby club and gave the fire a poke.

Simple drawings to copy



Birds

Work out the names of seven birds.



W	M	I	C	E	J	G	G	T	K
E	K	A	C	I	A	R	O	A	C
E	Y	S	B	G	C	E	D	C	O
W	L	T	A	R	K	E	E	Y	D
I	L	R	B	O	H	D	L	S	Y
L	I	A	Y	P	O	Y	T	S	R
L	D	T	B	E	R	G	T	U	O
I	N	E	U	I	N	U	I	P	K
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N	Y	M	N	E	D	O	O	O	Y
K	F	S	G	G	K	C	P	P	R
I	F	S	N	E	C	O	S	E	O
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J	A	C	K	S	P	R	A	T	I
N	K	S	S	O	R	C	T	O	H

Clue: Moon jumper! (3 letters)

NURSERY RHYMES

BABY BUNTING	HOT CROSS
BO-PEEP	JACK HORNER
CAKE	JACK SPRAT
CLOCK	LION
CROOKED MAN	LITTLE DOG
DAFFY-DOWN-DILLY	MICE
DING, DONG	MISS MUFFET
GEORGIE PORGIE	PLUM
GREEDY-GUT	FUSSY CAT
HICKORY, DICKORY,	SHEEP
DOCK	SPOON
	TARTS
	WEE WILLIE WINKIE

Ha! Ha!

Why did the boy have wet feet?
Because he was wearing pumps.

What animals need oiling?
Mice, because they squeak.

MILLY: You'd better keep your eyes open today.
BILLY: Why?
MILLY: Well, if you don't you'll bump into things.

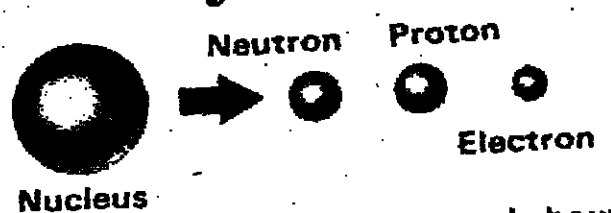
What did one clover say to the other clover?
'Take me to your weeder.'

'Knock, knock.'
'Who's there?'
'Doctor Who'

Where do sick ships go?
To the dock.

Where do fish raise extra cash?
At a prawnshop.

The why of science



If the nucleus of an atom measured about 1 centimetre in diameter, the whole atom would have a diameter of about 180 metres. All materials whether organic or inorganic are made up of atoms.

just one example: the energy obtained by the breaking down of one kilo of Uranium 235 is equal to that which would be obtained by burning 6 million tons of coal.

The very complex apparatus needed to produce atomic energy is called a nuclear reactor. There are many of these now functioning very well in several countries of the world and more are being built. The electrical energy which they produce is used in a thousand different ways to the benefit of mankind.

Some large naval units are also now driven by atomic energy. Complicated apparatus for distilling sea water also works through nuclear reactors. Many electric power stations convert nuclear energy into electrical energy.

Radio-active isotopes are widely employed in medicine, agriculture and industry. By their help ways are being discovered of fighting disease, substances useful for human nutrition are being discovered and machines are being built of high tech-

nical precision and outstanding performance. Why radio telescopes are better for observing the most distant stars. Technical and scientific progress first made available to man instruments such as the telescope which enabled astronomers to bring the heavenly bodies nearer and study them more closely.

About forty years ago astronomical science discovered that it is possible to observe the distant universe even beyond the range of the most powerful optical telescopes, even as far as several millions of light years from Earth. What they discovered was, in fact, that many stars relatively near to us, such as the Sun, and many very remote ones send out special radio waves.

To collect these waves and analyse them to obtain precise information is the task of the radio telescopes, that is telescopes which observe by radio the remotest forms of stellar activity. This has increased to an enormous extent the scope of astronomical discovery.

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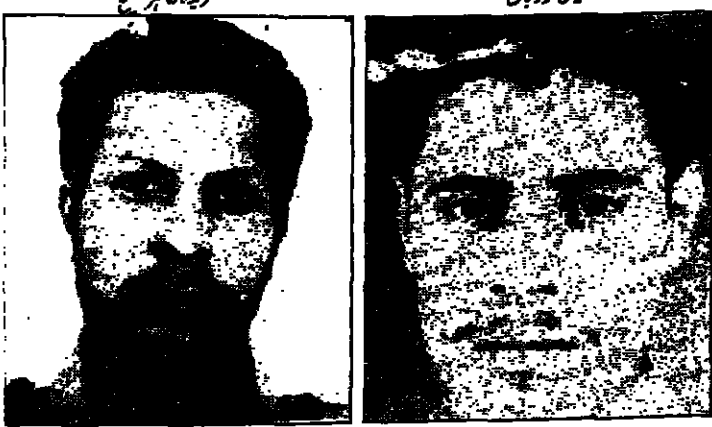
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BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Dodgers rally to edge Reds

NEW YORK, Sept. 12, (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds may have thrown away any chance of catching the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League West.

A pair of throwing errors with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning enabled Los Angeles to score the tying run and Jeff Hamilton followed with a homerun as the Dodgers rallied past the visiting Reds 3-3 yesterday.

The Dodgers, in danger of seeing their two closest challengers each gain ground, instead maintained a five-game lead over Houston and pushed Cincinnati 7 1/2 behind.

Mets 3, Expos 0
Bob Ojeda pitched a five-hitter for New York's 22nd shutout this season as the Mets won in Montreal.

The Mets swept the three-game series and in so doing reduced its magic number for winning the National League East to 12. The Mets lead the division by 10 games over Pittsburgh.

Cardinals 3, Cubs 2
Jose DeLeon teamed with two relievers on a three-hitter and Ozzie Smith squeezed home the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning as St. Louis beat Chicago for its seventh straight victory.

Pinch-hitter Curt Ford hit a leadoff double in the Cardinals' seventh and Vince Coleman sacrificed. Smith followed with a bunt down the first base line.

Astros 4, Giants 1
Jim Deshaies pitched a four-hitter and Billy Hatcher, Craig Biggio and Buddy Bell each homered as Houston won in San Francisco.

Deshaies, 10-12, struck out six and walked two in his third complete game. The Giants have lost 14 of their last 18.

Padres 8, Braves 2
Dennis Rasmussen shut out Atlanta on one hit for seven innings and Marvell Wynne's Grand Slam capped a seven-run outburst in the San Diego second.

Rasmussen, 14-18, is 12-2 since being traded by Cincinnati on June 8. He allowed just Lonnie Smith's two-out single in the fifth and left the game one inning after being hit by a pitch from Chuck Cary.

The Padres batted around against Charlie Puleo, 3-5, who was a last-minute start when Pete Smith got a swollen eyelid as a suspected result of a spider bite.

Phillies 7, Pirates 4
Juan Samuel hit a two-run homer and Ricky Jordan and John Russell each had two hits and drove in a run as Philadelphia ended a four-game losing streak with a victory in Pittsburgh.

Marvin Freeman, 2-2, allowed two runs in 6 1/2 innings and won his second straight start. John Smiley, 11-10, is only 2-6 since the All-Star break.

Orioles 4, Blue Jays 2
Dave Schmidt survived a shaky first inning to win for the fifth time in six decisions as a starter.

Schmidt, 8-4, gave up hits to four of the first five batters he faced but settled down to allow just two runners in scoring position over the next six innings.

Results

American League			
Cleveland	4	Boston	2
New York	5	Detroit	4
Baltimore	4	Toronto	2
Chicago	3	Minnesota	3
Oakland	8	Kansas City	7
Milwaukee	5	Seattle	3
Texas	8	California	3
National League			
Philadelphia	7	Pittsburgh	4
St. Louis	3	Chicago	2
New York	3	Montreal	0
San Diego	8	Atlanta	2
Los Angeles	5	Cincinnati	3
Houston	4	San Francisco	1

ELWAY THROWS TWO TOUCHDOWN PASSES FOR BRONCOS

Montana helps 49ers overcome Giants

NEW YORK, Sept. 12, (AP) — Joe Montana, starting the game on the sidelines but finishing it at the controls of San Francisco's hurry-up offense, threw a 78-yard scoring pass to Jerry Rice with 42 seconds to play yesterday as the 49ers beat the New York Giants 20-17.

Montana hit Rice on a fly pattern down the right sideline as the receiver ran between defensive backs Mark Collins and Kenny Hill. Rice went untouched the final 45 yards.

"Basically, it's four guys run fly," Montana said. "Jerry got a step on the guy on the right corner and that was it."

"The chances of it working are pretty good," Rice said. "I recall against Cincinnati last year we won a game like that but we used three guys on one side and I was on the opposite side."

The Montana-Rice score came just 39 seconds after Giants quarterback Phil Simms hit Lionel Manuel with a 15-yard touchdown pass that gave New York a 17-13 lead.

In other games yesterday, it was Chicago 17, Indianapolis 13; Buffalo 9, Miami 6; New Orleans 29, Atlanta 21; Washington 30, Pittsburgh 29; Tampa Bay 13, Green Bay 10; Denver 34, San Diego 3; the New York Jets 23, Cleveland 3; Minnesota 36, New England 6; Houston 38, the Los Angeles Raiders 35; the Los Angeles Rams 17, Detroit 10; Seattle 31, Kansas City 10, and Cincinnati 28, Philadelphia 24.

Dallas was to visit Phoenix this evening.

49ers 20, Giants 17
What appeared to be a game-winning score for New York, 1-1, was set up by a 32-yard punt return by Phil McConkey. But the 49ers took the ensuing kick-off and, after losing two yards on the next two plays, Montana hooked up with Rice.

Bears 17, Colts 13
Matt Suhey's 2-yard touchdown run put Chicago ahead, and a fumble recovery by Steve McMichael and pass interception by Veste Jackson halted late Indianapolis drives.

Bills 9, Dolphins 6
Scott Norwood kicked two of his three field goals in the fourth quarter as the Buffalo Bills overcame four turnovers to edge the Dolphins.

Saints 29, Falcons 21
Dalton Hilliard ran for 97 yards and scored a clinching touchdown on a 4-yard run with 8:52 remaining. Hilliard, who twice lost fumbles earlier in the game, capped a 70-yard drive with his scoring run that enabled the Saints to square their record at 1-1 after trailing 14-3 early in the second quarter.



Philadelphia's Mike Quick (82) makes an attempt to catch a pass from Randall Cunningham while Cincinnati's Eric Thomas (22) defends on the play. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bucs 13, Packers 10
Donald Isewuike kicked a 28-yard field goal on the final play as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers won an NFL game for the first time since their last road contest with the Packers.

Redskins 30, Steelers 29
Chip Lohmiller kicked a 19-yard field goal with 12 seconds left to give the defending Super Bowl champions their first victory in two games. Bobby Brister threw two long touchdown passes and ran for another score to help Pittsburgh take a 29-20 lead with 9:29 remaining. But a 7-yard pass from Redskin quarterback Doug Williams to Kelvin Bryant cut the margin to 29-27 with 4:48 left, and Washington moved from its own 44 to the Pittsburgh 1-yard line in the final three minutes to put Lohmiller in position for his game-winning kick.

Broncos 34, Chargers 3
John Elway threw two touchdown passes and Tony Dorsett rushed for 113 yards and another score for Denver. Dorsett moved past Franco Harris into third place on the NFL career rushing list with 12,181 yards, 61 more than Harris. Dorsett needs 131 yards to catch No. 2 Jim Brown.

Jets 23, Browns 3
Roger Vick scored the New York Jets' first two touchdowns of 1988 on short fourth-quarter runs and Cleveland, already playing without injured starter Bernie Kosar, lost quarterback Gary Danielson to a broken ankle.

Vikings 36, Patriots 6
Tommy Kramer justified Minnesota coach Jerry Burns' decision to start him at quarter-

back by passing for 209 yards and a touchdown. Kramer, a pro bowl starter in 1986 who missed much of 1987 with a neck injury, was benched for the first time this decade in last week's 13-10 loss at Buffalo.

Oilers 38, Raiders 35
Running back Allen Pinkett, starting for injured Mike Rozier, scored his third touchdown of the game on a 6-yard run with 31 seconds to play to beat the Raiders. Los Angeles had taken a 35-31 lead on a 1-yard touchdown run by Marcus Allen with 2:59 left.

Rams 17, Lions 10
Greg Bell, taking over for the suspended Charles White, rushed for 139 yards and scored a touchdown. Bell, a fifth-year pro who came to the Rams in the Eric Dickerson deal a year ago, carried 27 times and scored on a 1-yard drive.

Seahawks 31, Chiefs 10
Curt Warner scored two touchdowns on short runs and Jacob Green pounced on a fumble in the Kansas City end zone for another score during Seattle's 38-point second quarter.

Bengals 28, Eagles 24
Boomer Esiason threw four touchdown passes, two each to James Brooks and Tim McGee, as the Bengals, 1-1, rallied four times to beat Philadelphia, 1-1.

Sanderson injured during training

NAGARA, Japan, Sept. 12, (Reuter) — Tessa Sanderson's hopes of defending her Olympic javelin title in Seoul suffered another blow today when she broke down during training at the British team's pre-Games camp.

Sanderson, dogged by achilles tendon problems this year, was carried from the training area in tears with blood dripping from a left leg wound after she collapsed midway through a throw.

Return
British team officials played down the incident and said Sanderson had suffered a cut close to her previous injury. It was hoped she would return to training within the next few days, they said.

The latest setback has occurred just three days after East German rival Petra Felke gave another demonstration of her splendid form with a world record throw of 80 metres — eight metres further than the Briton's best this year.

National coaching director Frank Dick said: "It's a minor skin laceration. It sounds very serious when you call it an injury. These things look far more dramatic than they are."

The tendon is quite undamaged and is in excellent health but it is the skin that is cut. "Tessa is in good spirits and our doctors did a fantastic job," he added.

British Amateur Athletic Board spokesman Tony Ward said: "It is hoped she can return to training in the next couple of days."

Attack

Sanderson said yesterday she was recovering well from her achilles problem but launched a bitter attack on British selectors who insisted she throw while injured at the Olympic trials last month.

She broke down during the competition and revealed that she is still paying off \$1,500 in medical bills incurred as a result of her race to regain fitness. "I was treated like a second rate club athlete," said Sanderson, a veteran of three Olympics. "They (the selectors) put me through something that I should have never have been put through."

Unlikely

Ward added that British team doctor Malcolm Read would examine Sanderson later but said he was unlikely to throw again this week.

He added that the Briton would resume her weight training and power work as soon as possible.

Cruyff gets Barcelona off to excellent start

MADRID, Sept. 12, (Reuter) — Barcelona's new coach Johan Cruyff is breathing fresh life into the Catalan club, who are putting their troubles firmly behind them and making a flying start to the Spanish Soccer League season.

Dutchman Cruyff's team have won both their First Division games without conceding a goal and are top of the standings after yesterday's 3-0 win at Elche.

Barcelona, who suffered erratic form in their disappointing 1987-88 season in which they sacked British coach Terry Venables, could scarcely have made a better start in their bid to emerge from the shadows of great rivals Real Madrid.

Real, champions for the last three seasons, have made a faltering start to their title defence by drawing their first two games. They squandered a 2-0 lead away to Sporting Gijon yesterday and were held 2-2.

Falied
Former Dutch international Cruyff, brought in when coach Luis Aragones failed significantly to improve Barcelona's fortunes when Venables went, said after his side trounced Elche: "We always played on the attack and it worked quite well. We dominated intensely and should have scored more."

Real Madrid coach Leo Beenhacker, whose side played textbook soccer in the first half against Sporting only to fall away after the interval, admitted: "I don't like the way things are going. We must still put a few things right. It's a matter of patience and training."

Bordeaux, the only one of the four French clubs who did not lose in last week's European competitions, earned praise from their trainer, Aimé Jacquet after a hard-fought 0-0 draw with Marseille in the First Division on Saturday.

Bordeaux returned from the Soviet Union with a 1-1 result in the UEFA Cup first-round first-leg game against Dnepropetrovsk, and Jacquet said after the League draw: "I didn't think my lads would be capable of such efforts after fighting for 90 minutes in the Ukraine last Wednesday."

Auxerre, who finished ninth in the First Division last season, sustained their stunning transformation with a 1-0 win over Lille that consolidated their position at the top.

A double strike by Juergen Wegmann helped unbeaten Bayern Munich go top of West Germany's First Division with a decisive 3-0 home win over Borussia Moenchengladbach on Saturday.

Wegmann opened and completed the scoring, with Klaus Augenthaler getting the other goal, as Bayern captured the lead from Bayer Uerdingen.

Bayern, who have played one game more than Bayern, slipped to second place on goal difference after squandering several chances in a 0-0 home draw with VfB Stuttgart.



Johan Cruyff

Canadian lifer tests positive

SEOUL, Sept. 12, (Reuter) — Kevin Roy today became the fourth member of the Canadian Olympic weightlifting squad to learn he had tested positive for anabolic steroids, a team official said.

Roy, Commonwealth 100-kg champion, who arrived in Seoul on Saturday, has accepted the option of returning to Canada to be present when a second urine sample is tested within the next 10 days.

"Kevin made the decision to return to Canada. It is less than conceivable that he'll come back due to jet lag and lack of training even if the second urine test is negative and he is eligible to return," the team spokesman said.

Last week, three other lifters — Jacques Demers, David Bol-

duc and Paramjit Gill — were disqualified from the Canadian team and banned from competition for two years after they also tested positive for the drug steroid, an anabolic steroid. They had not departed for Seoul.

Demers was a silver medalist at the 1984 Olympics and Bolduc won three gold medals at the 1987 Pan American Games.

The list of Olympic disqualifications because of substance abuse also includes American cyclist Steve Hegg, a gold and silver medalist at the 1984 Olympics, and US swimmer Angel Myers.

Hegg was told on Saturday by the US Olympic Committee he had tested positive for caffeine abuse while Myers was dropped after she tested positive for use of a steroid blocking agent two weeks ago.

Diane Fritschner, media director of the US Cycling Federation, said urine tests administered at the US Olympic cycling trials two weeks ago showed Hegg had exceeded the IOC's established concentration of caffeine. Caffeine on the IOC's list of restricted substances because it acts as a stimulant.

Hegg was told of the test results in Los Angeles where he was preparing to travel to Seoul with the cycling team.

"When he was told he would not be going he did not really comment on the results," Fritschner said. "I don't know if he was consciously doing it (using caffeine) or not."

Hegg's position on the four-man pursuit team will be filled by Carl Sundquist.

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Americans take team title again

VILLARS-SOUS-ECOT, France, Sept. 12, (Reuter) — America won their eighth successive Nations Motocross team title in front of 50,000 spectators yesterday.

The event brings together the champions of all three classes — 125, 250 and 500 cc — from all over the world for the only time during the season.

The American team consisted of national champions Rick Johnson (Honda) and Jeff Ward (Kawasaki) plus Ron Lechien, also on Kawasaki.

East German cleared to swim for West Germany

SEOUL, Sept. 12, (Reuter) — East German defector Jens-Peter Berndt will be able to swim for West Germany at the Olympic Games following a decision by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) today to ignore a protest from East Germany.

IOC vice-president Richard Pound told a news conference that a three-man panel heard representations from the national Olympic Committees of both countries. It decided not to change the July ruling that Berndt would be eligible to compete for West Germany and the decision was unanimously confirmed by the IOC executive board.

Berndt, former 400 metres medley world record holder, defected to the United States in January 1985 and then tried for more than two years to acquire US citizenship. In August last year, he moved to West Germany, which grants automatic citizenship to East German defectors.

Post-race drama leaves Ferrari team biting their nails

MONZA, Italy, Sept. 12, (Reuter) — They did not know whether to laugh or cry in the Ferrari pits last night after Gerhard Berger and Michele Alboreto's tumultuous one-two triumph in the Italian Grand Prix motor race.

For more than two hours after the dramatic finish of the event, an official technical inspection by the race authorities and the FIA (International Automobile Federation) of the Austrian's car was continuing amid rumours that its fuel tank was too big.

Celebrating

A crowd of two and three-deep pressed up to high wire fencing surrounding the 'parc ferme' as the scrutineering continued, leaving the Ferrari team biting their nails instead of celebrating their first win on home soil since 1979.

Eventually, an FIA spokesman emerged from the crowd to confirm the fuel tank capacity of Berger's car was 149.650 litres and not the rumoured figure of 151.500 litres after two thorough tests.

The limit for turbo cars is 150 litres and had Berger's been over the limit he would have been disqualified, ironically gifting the race to Alboreto.

The Italian driver's car had been loaded on to a Ferrari transporter and removed immediately after the race, a straightforward act which had further fuelled the rumours surrounding the team.

To many observers, the post-race drama was a predictable final scene on a weekend of intense activity which had centred around the Ferrari team.

The death of the team's creator, Enzo Ferrari, last month had already invested the race with more sentimental significance than usual, but this was added to on Saturday when the team's 'sporting director', Marco Piccinini, announced his resignation.

Piccinini had at various times in the past carried all the authority of a virtual team manager and had been the eyes and ears of Ferrari himself at all the race meetings.

Galaxy win KCL crown

GALAXY Cricket Club beat Crown Cricket Club by 19 runs to capture the KCL Summer League Trophy at the NC ground on Friday.

After winning the toss and opting to bat, Galaxy's skipper opened his innings through Ejaz Ahmed and Baber Chaudhry who put on 115 runs for the first wicket.

Unbeaten
Baber was the first to go back to the pavilion after scoring 61, with nine fours, while Ejaz hit 54. Razzak, Maqsood and Shabbir were out in quick succession but Dawood Baig, with an unbeaten 39, held the innings together.

Ashraf Rana, who was the top scorer of the tournament with an average of 103.5, was the other unbeaten batsman at the crease as Galaxy scored 200 for the loss of five wickets.

Mukesh took three wickets for 30 while Ejaz Butt and Suhail got one each.

Requiring to score eight runs for victory, Crown fell short of their mark by 19 runs. Crown's fight for victory was led by Arjad who scored 76 with the help of a six and five fours.

Amjad was well supported by Suhail with 30 and Ejaz Butt 27. Dawood Baig and Shabbir took three wickets each as Crown were all out for 181. Kuwait Cricket League (KCL) president Sajid Abbas Rizvi gave away the prizes. The match was umpired by Syed Anjum Raza Shah and Maqbool Ahmed.



The Galaxy squad with other officials.

Green takes 2nd straight golf title

FRANKLIN, Wis., Sept. 12, (Reuter) — Ken Green won for the second time in a week on the PGA Tour, coasting to a six-stroke victory in the \$700,000 Greater Milwaukee Open golf tournament yesterday.

Green was leading Canadian Dave Barr by two strokes when the round started and he ran away from the field with five birdies in the first 11 holes. He finished with a four-under-par 68 for the round and a total of 20-under-par 268.

Mark Calavechchia, Dan Pohl, Jim Gallagher, and Donnie Hammond tied for second place at 14-under par 274. Nick Price of Zimbabwe was alone in sixth place at 275.

Barr stayed close for several holes but could not maintain the pace Green was setting. Finally, Barr slipped on the incoming nine with a bogey at the 14th hole and a double bogey at the 17th. He finished with a 75 for 10th place.

Last week Green won the rain-delayed Canadian Open championship and \$135,000. Yesterday he won \$126,000. He has won \$539,097 this year.

As easy as he made it appear, it wasn't without some concern.

Pain
"When I was walking down the first fairway," he said, "I started to feel some pain in my side. It was a chest pain that stayed with me for a few hours. When that disappeared, I started to feel a little dizzy. I'm fine now, but I have no idea what caused it. I just didn't want to have to drop out."

The last player to win back-to-back tournaments was Sandy Lyle of Britain. Last April, he won the Greater Greensboro Open in a playoff over Green and the next week he won the Masters tournament.

In June, Green lost the Westchester Classic in a playoff to Seve Ballesteros.

"I've come so far in the last five years," he said. "Now, to think I'm a player who can win back-to-back. I find that hard to believe, but it has happened."

He will not play this coming week in the Boston Classic.

King scores one-stroke Open victory

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 12, (Reuter) — American Betsy King came from behind to win the \$250,000 Portland Open golf championship by a stroke over compatriot Colleen Walker yesterday.

Myra Blackwelder and Sue Sanders tied for third place, two strokes behind King.

King started the day in the lead, but after three bogeys on the front nine made the turn at even-par to fall two strokes behind Walker.

Walker finished the tournament an hour and a half in front of King with a 69 on the day for a two-under-par 214 total.

Better
A late charge by King, who made three consecutive birdies on holes 14, 15 and 16, made the difference for her.

"I feel like I hit the ball better today than I did the first two days," said King.

"I just wanted to make some birdies coming in on the back nine. I knew that you had to be patient on this course and I was just concentrating on hitting some greens coming in," King said.

"You figure you are more likely to bogey than birdie coming in and I was just lucky to give myself a couple of chances. The chip on 15 really gave me a boost," said King, who won \$37,500.

US clinch amateur title

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 12, (Reuter) — The United States won the women's world amateur team golf title by one shot from

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Transfer list

GLENDAVON, Northern Ireland, Sept 12. (Reuters): Northern Irish Soccer League club Glendavon has fined all its 16 first team players and put them on the transfer list for failing to report for training before last Wednesday's European Cup Winners' Cup tie against the Danish side Aarhus.

Belenenses held

LISBON, Sept 12. (Reuters): Belenenses, managed by Englishman John Mortimore, were held to a dull 1-1 draw at Viseu yesterday but remained top of the Portuguese First Division. Champions Porto also dropped a point in a 1-1 draw at Guimaraes.

Javelin thrower

LAPPEENRANTA, Finland, Sept 12. (Reuters): Finland's Tina Liljak, women's javelin silver medalist at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, came back into form at the weekend with a throw of 73.30 metres.

Superbike series

ESTORIL, Portugal, Sept 12. (Reuters): Davide Tardozzi of Italy, riding a Bimota, recaptured the lead in the World Superbike Championship motorcycle series yesterday with a first and second place finish in two heats.

Twin-ring plan

SEOUL, Sept 12. (Reuters): Controversial plans to stage Olympic boxing simultaneously in two rings could be scrapped because of a late drop in entries and intense pressure from television.

Device accurate

BIEL-BIENNE, Switzerland, Sept 12. (Reuters): Swiss company Omega today said its wind-measuring device in use when American Florence Griffith-Joyner set the women's 100 metres world record of 10.49 seconds in July was operating correctly.

Greg Norman

LONDON, Sept 12. (UPI): World No. 1 Greg Norman will miss the World Matchplay Golf Championship at Wentworth, southern England Oct 6-9. The Australian, who has won the title three times, has other commitments for that week, including moving house.

Friendly soccer

STOCKHOLM, Sept 12. (UPI): Sweden and France will play a friendly soccer game Aug 16 next year and a return game in France in 1990 to 1991, the Swedish Soccer Association announced today. Preparing for world championship qualifiers against England, Poland and Albania next year, Sweden will play friendlies against Wales, Algeria, Denmark, Brazil and France.

Pirelli Trophy

THE format for the Pirelli Trophy has been changed for the coming season. According to information provided by the organisers, eight teams will take part in this knock-out cricket tournament instead of the usual two.

In the first round Evergreen meet Galaxy, Bright Star play Crown, KIFCO face NBK and Starline take on Morning Star.

The tournament will be organised by the Kuwait Cricket League and held at the Sabah Al Salem ground.

SWEDE TAKES US OPEN TITLE AND WORLD NO. 1 RANKING

Wilander edges Lendl in thriller

NEW YORK, Sept 12. (Reuters): Sweden's Mats Wilander won a dramatic fifth set to win his third Grand Slam tournament of the year yesterday, taking top-seed Ivan Lendl's US Open tennis title and his world number one ranking.

The 24-year-old Swede also avenged last year's loss to Lendl in the final here by winning the see-saw battle 6-4 4-6 6-3 5-7 6-4 in four hours and 54 minutes, the longest US Open on record.

Last year's four setter, which gave Lendl his third straight US Open title, lasted four hours 47 minutes.

"I don't think I ever felt better," said Wilander, after ending the titanic struggle on his second match point.

Biggest

"I guess it was my turn. It meant so much to me. A Swede never won here and I'll be number one in the rankings. It's the biggest match I ever played," said Wilander, who now lives in nearby Greenwich, Connecticut — the same town as the Czechoslovakian-born Lendl.

"I feel my passing shot let me down," said Lendl. "It's easy to be aggressive when the other player is missing, but he just played solid all around."

The rallies were often long and the shots brilliant as the two champions moved each other around the court trying to gain control of a point or any advantage.

One rally at 0-15 in the last game went 52 shots before Lendl hit a forehand wide.

Both players were willing to gamble, mixing up shots and approaching net with far greater frequency than are their usual styles.

Wilander had mixed results with his net game as Lendl often scored by landing topspin lobs inside the baseline.

But the Swede's aggressive tactics really paid off in the final game as he attacked net behind almost every serve.

"I've changed my thinking a little bit. I'd rather get beaten by passing shots than just stand at the baseline waiting for winners," said Wilander, who jumped up thrusting both fists into the air in an uncharacteristic display of emotion when the marathon ended.

Lendl had two break points in the final game with a chance to level the set at 5-5. But he hit a backhand service return wide after the first and got caught by a Wilander overhead smash for the second deuce of the game.

Wilander then ripped a backhand winner to set up the second and final match point.

Wilander turned the ever-shifting momentum to his favour for the final time when he captured Lendl's serve to go 4-3 up in the final set.

Two Lendl backhand errors put him behind 15-40 and Wilander ripped a forehand pass down the line for the break.

Two games after holding his next serve at 30 on a beautiful backhand angled volley, Wilander was the new US Open champion.

Wilander took the opening set by breaking Lendl in the 10th game. It was the only service break on just the third break point of the set.

Wilander, who is 39-2 this year in matches where he took the first set, broke Lendl again in the second game of the next set and held his own serve to lead 3-0.

After falling behind 4-1, Lendl took control of the match. He won the next five games, breaking Wilander twice and serving out the set at love.

Wilander stemmed the tide of Lendl's onslaught in the first game of the third set by surviving a break when the defending champion hit an easy volley into the net.

The second seeded Swede broke Lendl in the next game for 2-0 then lost a mere four points on his next four service games to go ahead 2-1 in sets.

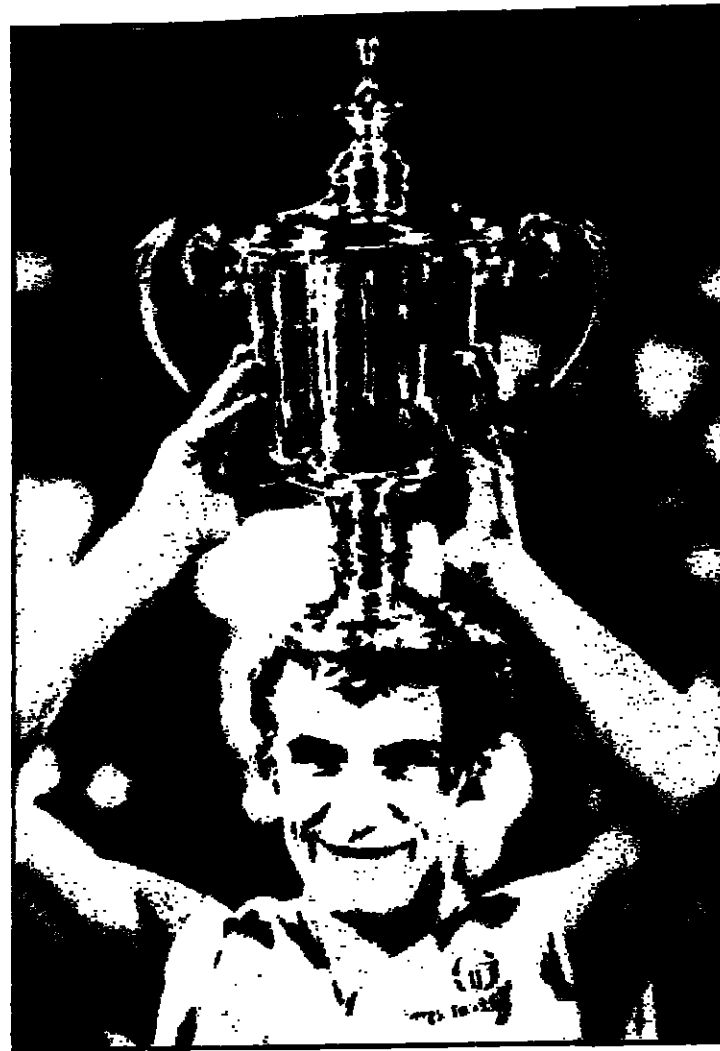
Seized

Wilander was up a break at 4-3 and on his way to a four-set victory with the Louis Armstrong stadium crowd of 20,000 cheering him on when Lendl seized momentum again.

He dropped a perfect lob on the baseline to break back for 4-4 and four games later snapped a forehand volley winner to break Wilander and send the match into the enthralling fifth set.

As if adding the US Open championship to number one were not enough, Wilander collected \$275,000 to bring his 1988 earnings to \$880,351.

Lendl collected the \$137,500.



Wilander holds the trophy atop his head after his victory. (Reuters wirephoto)

Kuwait rally will be closely contested

By Gail Seery

THE fourth round of the Kuwait National Championship will take place on Friday September 30 in the Khuwaisat and Doha areas. The event is expected to be closely contested as drivers seek to improve their overall standings in this year's National championship.

There will be one 14 km stage which drivers will negotiate six times, making 84 km of special stage distance. A new organising committee is working on the

event, with Mansur Al Mulla as Chairman of the Organising Committee and Clerk of the Course, Abdullah Barkawi as Assistant Clerk of the Course and Competitors Relations officer, and Richard Bondi as Chief Marshall. All the above have been closely involved with Kuwait rallies this season. They are supported by a team of newcomers, including Debbie Hayes as rally secretary.

Abdullah Barkawi told the Arab Times, "The rally will be tough on the car suspensions. It's rough and bumpy in places, but also features some fast sections."

Barkawi expected that the powerful 4 wheel drive cars, like the Zayani Range Rover driven by Eid Fahal, would have an advantage on the event.

Test

"We selected the stages as a challenge to the drivers. The stages will test cars, driving skills and techniques, and pace notes."

Barkawi appealed for members of the public to come forward as marshalls, explaining that the club was determined to bring these vital helpers more into club events, and the committee is planning a prize draw for

the helpers.

Entries are already open, and will close on Sunday September 25 at 1900. Scrutineering is at 3 pm on September 28 at KT Club, with the drivers' briefing the same night. The rally will start from in front of the KT Club at 8.30 am on September 30, and the first car is expected back at 17.30.

The championship is currently led by Josef Miskulung, but Ahmed Al Hilal, Tareq Al Wazzan, Eid Fahal and Mohammed Al Hussein will all be aiming to strengthen their positions with a good result in this event.

Aussies draw match against Governor's XI

QUETTA, Pakistan, Sept 12. (Reuters): Australia gained useful practice for the forthcoming three-Test series with Pakistan when their three-day match with a Baluchistan Governor's XI ended in a draw today.

Chasing the Australians' first innings of 288 for eight declared, the Governor's XI declared at 260 for nine after an hour's play this morning.

Australia then rattled up 156 for two before tea, leaving the locals chasing a remote victory target of 185.

At close of play they were 78 for four with off-spinner Peter Taylor taking two wickets for four runs.

Sympathy

The highlights of the day were a 51-run eighth wicket partnership by Raees Ahmad (77) and Habib Baluch (33) and an undefeated 72 by Australia's Mike Veletta.

Baluch had no sympathy for Tim May, back on the field after injuring a finger fielding on Friday. He smote the off-spinner for a six over mid-wicket, then drove him to the off boundary.

In Baluchistan's second innings it was pace bowler Craig McDermott who came in for punishment. Opener Sajid Ali hit two consecutive sixes off him and then a four past third man.

The first Test begins in Karachi on Thursday.

Australia: 288 for eight declared and 156 for two declared. Baluchistan Governor's XI: 260 for nine declared and 78 for four.

Bile injured

SEOUL, Sept 12. (Reuters): Somalia's world 1,500 metres champion Abdi Bile is injured and could miss the Olympics, a Somali team official said today.

Mohammed Charles said he would know by tomorrow if Bile would be able to compete in the 800 and 1,500 metres.

Athey set to lead Gloucestershire

LONDON, Sept 12. (Reuters): England batsman Bill Athey is set to captain Gloucestershire next season following a decision to sack David Graveney, who has led the county since 1981.

The recommendations by the club's cricket committee to dismiss left-arm spinner Graveney and appoint Athey, dropped by England this summer, have to be confirmed by the full county committee.

Effort

In a statement today, the cricket committee thanked Graveney for his contribution to the club in his 17 years but said the change was being made in an effort to win one of the major county competitions.

Gloucestershire last won a trophy in 1977 when they took the 55 overs Benson and Hedges Cup.

Samaranch gets Olympics violence threat

SEOUL, Sept 12. (Reuters): South Korean police disclosed that radicals had threatened a Munich-style massacre at the Seoul Olympics and an Iranian who tried to sneak into the athletes' Games village was deported.

Police said a previously unknown group had warned it might carry out an attack similar to the Palestinian commando raid on the 1972 Munich Olympics which killed 17 people unless North Korea was allowed to jointly stage the Games.

The threat was contained in a letter signed by the "Crusade of Mudungsan," (a mountain in South Korea) and sent to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, last month.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, handed the letter over to police when he arrived in the South Korean capital last week.

Police said they were investigating the threat and probing activist groups. Hundreds of students have demonstrated in Seoul in sympathy with the communist North's demand for an equal share of the 16-day Games which start on Saturday.

North Korea has vowed it



A Korean security guard walks his sniffer dog outside the Olympic stadium. (Reuters wirephoto)

would make no attempt to disrupt the Games. Even so, the Seoul organisers have mounted a huge security operation involving about 60,000 police commands and security officers on full time duty. South Korea's Army and Navy are on full alert.

Police would not say whether the Iranian, 26-year-old Ghafar-i Samak, had any terrorist connections but said he entered the country on a tourist visa.

But he said IOC efforts to negotiate an Olympic compromise between North and

South had helped open a dialogue between the two countries which are still technically at war after their 1950-53 conflict.

Samaranch also condemned drug abuse in sport, saying: "Doping equals death... physical death, as certain tragic cases in recent years have shown."

He condemned drug users as "the thieves of sports performance" and said they were "forever striving to find new methods, often assisted by specialists who attach little importance to their oath or the code of ethics they are supposed to respect."

Olympic officials switched a practice session by the Italian soccer team to another venue in Seoul today because of a demonstration by 200 students at Kyunghee University demanding a single Korea Games.

Hundreds of students shouting anti-Olympic slogans and burning effigies of South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo have demonstrated at campuses in the last three days.

About 60 gathered in a campus next to the hotel used as the IOC headquarters today and were closely watched by hundreds of police. Police quelled a violent demonstration at the same place last Friday.

Essex brush aside Leicestershire to boost title bid

LONDON, Sept 12. (Reuters): England left-arm spinner John Childs exploited a turning pitch by capturing a match haul of 11 for 180 to thrust Essex to the forefront of the three-way battle for the county cricket championship yesterday.

Childs, among an Essex trio picked for England's doomed winter tour of India, took five for 88 and six for 92 at Chelmsford to send Leicestershire tumbling to defeat by an innings and 83 runs with a day to spare.

Essex's victory lifted them into second place in the standings, currently four points behind Kent and 10 ahead of third-placed Worcestershire. After the current games, one round of matches remains.

Ended

Leaders Kent gained a first innings lead of 122 over Middlesex, who ended the third day of their four-day game at Lord's on 230 for five.

Worcestershire are well placed to beat Gloucestershire on the last day at Bristol today. The home county, needing 342 to win on a spinners' pitch, were 78 for three at the close of the third day.

Essex wrapped up their victory by taking 16 wickets in the day as

Leicestershire collapsed from the overnight 218 for four to 268 all out, followed on 324 behind, and were bowled out for 241.

Leicestershire's main resistance as Childs turned the ball consistently came from former England captain David Gower, who resumed on 143 and went on to 172, hitting a six and 22 fours in a brilliant 240-ball innings.

After Gower's dismissal by Childs, Leicestershire crumbled, their last three wickets falling in six balls. They declined to 169 for nine in the second innings before Essex's progress was held up by Les Taylor, who hammered six sixes and five fours in a career-best 60 from 42 deliveries.

Worcestershire opener Gordon Lord, so often kept in the shadows by the batting exploits of Tim Curtis and Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick, upstaged the pair with his first championship century since 1985.

Lord defied Gloucestershire's attack for 15 minutes short of five hours while making a price-less 101 of his side's second innings total of 199. Home captain and left-arm spinner David Graveney claimed six for 38 to finish with career-best match figures of 14 for 165.

India asks England to substitute eight players

LONDON, Sept 12. (Reuters): England's cricket tour of India will hang by a thread for another two weeks.

The Indian board, responding to the government line of denying visas to captain Graham Gooch and seven other players who have South African connections, sent a telex to English cricket headquarters at Lord's today.

Agree

It indicated that the tour, due to start in December, "would be in jeopardy unless England agree to substitute the eight with players who have no links with South Africa."

The telex ended: "The final decision about the tour will be taken by the Indian Cricket Board at their annual general meeting on September 24 and 25."

Alan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), said: "I just don't know what that means. We have spent about six or seven hours today trying to telephone the Indian board for an explanation but they have been continually engaged."

"At the moment we just don't know what the board has in mind for the AGM."

"In some ways, the message suggests the Indian board still believes there is some way of saving the tour."

Asked why England have not called off the test themselves, because of their stated policy of not replacing selected players, Smith said: "We don't want to pre-empt the Indian board."

"We want to talk to them first and find out how the matter is being dealt with by them."

Contract

Smith said England's 16-man tour party would be receiving their water contracts by Thursday. They will be requested to sign them by the end of next week.

Gooch, John Embury and Graham Dilley, the senior

speculation they might go to South Africa instead by saying they will sign their contracts.

Pakistan name side for Test

KARACHI, Sept 12. (Reuters): Pakistan's fearsome spinners were to the fore when the 14-man squad for the first cricket Test against Australia was named today.

Leg-spinner Abdul Qadir was backed up by off-spinners Iqbal Qasim and Tauseef Ahmad. Young debutant Mushtaq Ahmad also has a noteworthy record — he took six England wickets in an innings in a three-day match last December.

Pakistan's stress on spin is partly forced on them by the absence of their two top fast bowlers.

Imran Khan has opted out of the three-Test series, citing the hot and sticky weather at this time of year, and Wasim Akram is still recovering from an operation.

In the absence of Imran, master batsman Javed Miandad is leading the side for the series, which begins on Thursday.



Abdul Qadir

The squad is: Javed Miandad, Mudassar Nazar, Rameez Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Salim Malik, Ejaz Ahmad, Salim Yousaf, Abdul Qadir, Tauseef Ahmad, Iqbal Qasim, Saleem Jaffer, Mohsin Kamal, Mushtaq Ahmad and Aamer Malik.



● The Kuwaiti delegation to the 1988 Olympics at the Kuwait Airport before departure to Seoul. The delegation reached Seoul on Sunday evening where it was greeted at the airport by Sheikh Fahd Al Kuwait Olympic Committee.

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